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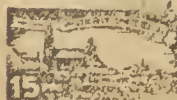
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BETWEEN OURSELVES—STILL GROWING.

This issue now past the twenty-eighth year, with average of 100 pages per issue for twenty years or more. We think we are in better position than ever to give both value and more news, for if you believe in The WEST would like your co-operation to help make it finer and better. And the more boosters we have can help make it best of all the rest. We are glad to hear or see any interesting news or discoveries, or hear of any local club or society for any kind of collectors. Was pleased to see on New Year's day Y. M. C. A. at Lincoln held the tenth annual show of boys' display of their hobbies and pets. Stamp societies are requested to inform us about any meetings they hold or which are to be held in their respective localities. Wish to hear and see more news on or create a desire on the part of every reader to write about his hobby or collection. And we are running a very active subscription campaign and are sending out many thousands of circulars and glad to have any and all readers help. As an inducement on a yearly subscription we give you a reward of 20 cents or more. One New York company sent in over 300. Why not you?

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Botell, New Mexico, says: Well pleased with my ad in the WEST.

Miller, Iowa, says: Don't want to miss any issue. WEST is dandy.

THE PHILATELIST CRUSADE.—By J. E. Guest.

Prompted and suggested by Mr. C. Gordon Fennell of St. Louis has developed a crusade in favor of protecting the collector and dealer from the "repaired" stamp.

As you probably know there are expert repairers of defective stamps. Their work is so fine that in many cases the repairing is almost impossible to detect. It will stand all the ordinary tests such as immersing in water for hours.

Now these stamps, which are mostly repaired abroad at a nominal fee get on the market through the sales of collections or in other ways and are many times sold to the unsuspecting collector by the dealer as a perfect specimen. In many cases, the dealer may also be innocent of the repairing that has been administered to the stamp. However "murder will out" and someday the collector will find that the fine specimen he prized so much is nothing more than a finely repaired damaged stamp.

There is a place for repaired stamps in the hobby for many of us, being of moderate means, can never hope to own perfect specimens of the rarer stamps, but they should be sold us as repaired stamps.

In order to protect the dealer and collector Mr. Fennell advocates a move by dealers to see that all repaired stamps are so marked on the back.

He also suggests that the Stamp Dealers Association get in touch with the expert repairers and get them to co-operate by agreeing to stamp the word "repaired" or "R" on the back of the stamps they have doctored.

This is surely a crusade worthy of your support Mr. Dealer and Mr. Collector. Mr. Fennell's firm has now started this plan of marking their repaired stamps and it is hoped that other dealers will at once begin.

The majority of dealers in this country would not want to sell you a repaired stamp for a perfect one and they likewise should protect the subsequent owners of the specimen by marking plainly such repaired stamps as they sell.

A BRITISH PROVISIONAL ENVELOPE.—By Bright & Son.

When the postage rate was reduced from 2d. to 1½d. in May last, people who had a stock of the ordinary 2d. embossed envelopes or stamps were allowed to change them at the post office for equal value in 1½d. ones. Some people are in the habit of having their names and addresses printed on the flaps of the envelopes; in these cases the post office would not accept them back, but they were authorized to handstamp the 2d. envelopes with a small black triangle with the figures 946 in the center. This handstamp was put immediately under the embossed stamp at the right and signified that the face value was reduced from 2d. to 1½d. The difference in the face value was returned to the owner in cash, so that the envelope actually only cost 1½d. and paid postage for that amount.

This is equivalent to a provisional, although the new value is not indicated in so many words on the stamp. As the date has now expired when the 2d. envelopes may be returned and exchanged for 1½d., this variety should prove scarce as this method was only used in the case of envelopes which had some printing on them.

The Little Advs. are great business bringers for little money. Send in yours for next issue.

TAX PAID NOTES.—By Leslie Hart.

The chief item of interest this month is the Annual Report of the Bureau of Engraving for year ending June 30, 1922. In previous years the Bureau listed the various values of Tax Paid stamps which were delivered to the Treasury Dept., separately, but in this report they have consolidated items so that we cannot tell the number of stamps of each value delivered, and hence cannot get a line on the relative scarcity of the different values.

The cigar stamps are being printed both by the old presses and by rotary presses. 300,000 Distilled Spirits, 1910, overprinted "Class A, non-beverage" were issued and 270,000, Distilled Spirits, issue of 1920, non-beverage, were delivered to the Internal Revenue. 810,000 orders for opium, 1917, were issued, and 180,000 alcohol stamps, 190 proof, series of 1921, 120,000 Export Cigars, issue of 1883 were issued. To show the magnitude of the revenue obtained from tobacco 2,151,240,000 strip tobacco stamps of the two issues 1910 and 1917, were delivered.

Only 6,000 strip cigar stamps, 1914, surcharged, Class A, were delivered. The total number of Internal Revenue stamps delivered is 6,271,283,002 and 2,635,000 customs stamps (cigars and cigarettes).

NEUROPES VERSUS MOGULS.

Here is a true perception of philately's properties. The "New Zealand Stamp Collector," in its issue dated September 9th, 1922, says: "Stamp collecting is a hobby which has been proved to be a safe and profitable investment, but only when carried out on sane and businesslike lines, and by those who have made it their business to gather all the information available before commencing their collection. The hobby can, however, be made profitable in more ways than one. It is not always the monetary value of a collection which appeals to philatelists; in fact, the true philatelist is the person who recognizes in the hobby assets of far greater value than cash. He is the person, who, from a few low-priced specimens, can gather untold joys and relaxation from the close study of these scraps of paper. The great Moguls of philately may in time reap huge profits from the accumulation of the old 'classics,' but the small collector with his history of the Great War written in the pages of his New Europe collection, may find a deeper satisfaction than the possessor of the world's greatest rarities. Such are the possibilities of the hobby, whether the goal be pleasure or profit."

IS GENERAL COLLECTING IMPRACTICABLE?

It has long been an accepted axiom with philatelists that General Collecting is impracticable nowadays—but is it? The latest English catalogue places the total number of different stamps extant at 37,352, of which 9,828 belong to the British Empire and 27,524 to the rest of the world. Collections of from 20,000 to 30,000 stamps are by no means uncommon, so that it is obviously possible for the diligent collector to amass a fair proportion of the world's total. A complete general collection may be impossible of attainment, but a representative general collection is obviously within the reach of all. Whatever may be the quasi-scientific interest of specialization, there can be no gainsaying the greater human interest of the general collection, embracing in its extensive purview the whole world "from China to Peru."—Philatelic Magazine.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

"HELP ONE ANOTHER."

Can the Philatelic World Progress without the Help and the Backing of the Philatelic Press?

Can collectors get what they want and desire if the Philatelic papers cease to advertise the goods that the dealers have to sell? And can the dealers sell their merchandise if the papers all stop printing advertisements for them?

Would the Philatelic Societies continue to exist and to grow if the papers did not report their meetings and the growth of their membership and their progress.

In fact can we progressive collectors and dealers and societies get along without Philatelic Papers? Do we want to and would we rather get along with our own little world just collecting the bits of paper and looking at them ourselves without caring how the rest of the world of Philately exists?

These thoughts are brought to my mind when I see so many of the really good papers that complain about being unable to receive payment from dealers who contract for advertising space. And there are a lot of them.

Then too we see where papers complain that there is no profit in reporting activities of Stamp Clubs and how the members do not subscribe to their official organ. And how the Societies do not pay for advertising and a few other such very often repeated offenses.

My idea is that we all need one another. We all must depend on the life of the Philatelic Paper for our very lives. We must let the world know what the Philatelic field has to offer. We must advertise our merchandise to sell it and we must have our Societies to enlarge our collections. It is the scheme of life. And we must support the Philatelic Press. We MUST PAY OUR BILLS.

I am not interested in any paper myself but I am greatly interested in Progressive Philately. I am interested in seeing that we stamp collectors, who are considered as beneath the notice of Business Men, (or have been up to the past few years) show that we have honor and business ability and should be so considered in the business world.

My slogan has always been "Help One Another." I used this for the Shut-ins and now I am using it for the very life of our wonderful Hobby Papers on Philately must exist and we must all do our part.

PAY YOUR BILLS.

MAX CASPER.

FATHER OF COMMEMORATIVES.

The death of Mr. John Wanamaker, the American merchant prince, recalls that fact that during his term of office as Postmaster-General of the United States he was responsible for the first issue of commemorative postage stamps—the Columbus series of 1893, which was created as part of the general scheme of publicity for the World's Fair at Chicago.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT.

It is a common trait in collectors' natures to discover first the missing of all and the most expensive stamps in their collections, and they overlook all the missing cheap ones until they have become expensive, too.

Why not fill in all the cheap ones now and let them grow in value in your collection instead of in the dealers' stocks?—Missouri Echo.

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PRECANCELS.—By H. S. Dickey.

The earliest history of Precancels shows New York City using precanceled postage dues in a very pretty lettered New York, struck through a dotted circle; these are among the earliest precancels to be generally used in quantities; and if you'll look over your sets of U. S. dues of 1880 to 1890 you will probably find that you have several of these precancels.

Today New York City, New York, is using what is perhaps the prettiest three line type precancels that exist; even though you may not be a precancel collector, it would pay you to take the trouble to mount up a set of these just to see how pretty they are. Someday some of these "common" New Yorks are going to sell for fancy prices; the 13c does already.

Among the new cities using precancels I have found Golden, Colo., Mexico, Mo., Framingham, Mass., Flushing, N. Y., Boonville, N. Y., DeKalb, Ill., Dearborn, Mich.; Warren, R. I.; Peru, Ind.; Meriden, Conn.; Ripon, Wis.; Oskaloosa, Iowa; High Point, N. C., etc.

With the new U. S. stamps starting to come on the market, I believe all stamp collectors will welcome them gladly; I have seen the 5c Roosevelt and 6c Garfield, and to say that they are pretty doesn't half tell it; they are indeed works of art. I'm proud of the engravers that turned out those two stamps; I understand the rest of the set is just as pretty too; and when the precancel fans start to collecting these new stamps won't there be a jolly scramble to get your sets complete. Oh boy, let 'em come.

Many new cities used Precancels at Christmas time in 1923 and quite a few of them will be quite valuable later on as they will soon be superseded by the new issue of U. S. stamps.

The present fancy type precancels of Rochester and Brooklyn, New York, are among the prettiest sets extant, and they are easy to complete; mount up a set and see how pretty they look in your album.

VIRTUE TRIUMPHS.

We are more than delighted to hear that our good friend Klemann came out the winner on the famous Hawaiian case. It is a shame to have to record it, but the truth must be published—a number of the Kukus actually gloated at the unfortunate buy. Instead of having sympathy with a brother-merchant these vultures of the trade expressed opinions which showed the narrowness of their one-track minds.

Mr. Klemann made a hasty mistake which is likely to happen to any dealer—dealers are not the experts they claim to be! We have been bunked and we don't even claim to be experts. We are likely to be fooled just as long as the world contains hypocrites, Kukus and gypers.—Roessler's Stamp News.

NOT DIFFERENT.

The other day I got a letter from a stampic friend of mine. He was sending me some stamps; his wife sorted them this time. He said, "My wife don't know the difference between a 6c stamp or 9. But she sure can tell the difference between a dollar and a dime."

And I fain would say in answer, to his postscript said in jest, That I don't believe that his wife is any different from the rest.

—H. S. Dickey, Newton, Kansas.

PAY PROFIT TO P. O. DEPARTMENT.—By H. E. Rieseberg.

Thirty-one thousand dollars profit was made by the Post Office Department during the past year as a result of the establishment of the philatelic agency as a central office where stamps may be purchased by stamp collectors. The office was opened December 6, 1922.

Total sales during the year amounted to \$46,576.39, while the cost of preparing and issuing the entire new series of stamps will not exceed \$8,500 and the operating expenses of the agency do not entail an outlay of more than \$6,500 a year, leaving a net profit of \$31,576.39.

Stamps sold by the agency, of course, are sold at face value, but they never perform the service for which they were originally intended. Instead they find their way to the books of philatelists, in consequence of which Uncle Sam is so many dollars richer.

Business at the agency since its establishment has shown a material gain each month until it was recently necessary to move to larger quarters. Indications are that sales will be higher during the coming year. Every effort is being made to increase the stock from the older issues on hand in postoffices, but under no circumstances will the department run off new prints of old issues to satisfy collectors.

PHILATELISTS FIND POSTOFFICE IN ERROR IN PUBLIC STATEMENT.

Washington stamps collectors know more about the various United States issues than do the highest officials of the Post Office Department.

This fact was driven home a few days ago when local philatelists besieged postal officials and demanded their authority for issuing a story in the press to the effect that when the new 4-cent stamp bearing the portrait of Martha Washington appears, January 15, it would mark the first time in history of the United States that a woman's face had graced a stamp of this country.

When the stamp collectors showed Third Assistant Postmaster General Glover a copy of the 8-cent stamp of the 1902 series, bearing the portrait of Martha Washington, he voiced his regret over the Department's error. They also proved to him that the statements in the same story to the effect that the portraits of Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe would appear in the new series for the first time were also incorrect.

Inasmuch as Glover is a stamp enthusiast and established the successful philatelic bureau of the Department in the interest of stamp collectors, he was quickly forgiven for the error, which happens to be "just one of those unexplainable things"

STAMPS USED IN TEACHING.

At a meeting of the public school teachers of Cleveland, Ohio, on November 2nd, the use of stamp collections as an aid to teachers in instructing pupils in geography was discussed, Dr. F. M. McCurry of Columbia University being the speaker. A plan of giving a book of foreign stamps to each pupil was explained whereby the study of geography was simplified and made more interesting through tracing the sources of the stamps. This plan is already in use in some schools and has proven very effective.—*American Philatelist*.

In the Alps there is a letter box 10,000 feet above sea level, from which a daily collection is made.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

A MESSAGE TO NEW COLLECTORS.—By J. P. Society.

Presidential new collectors who have joined us, and others to whom my counsel may be of any service.

The scope of Philately has broadened considerably in recent times, and a specialized study of the stamps of a country today contains—and very properly contains—much material, documental, historical or illustrative, other than actual stamps. This is all to the good, provided the thing is done with due discrimination, but among the newer collections of today I venture to suggest that it can be and is being overdone.

The young specialist will do well to remember that a collection of postage stamps should consist in the main of postage stamps. It will be enriched by the inclusion of proofs and essays, which are the next-of-kin to issued stamps. Frequently a document, a source of artistic inspiration in an engraving or photograph, and many other things may contribute substantially to the study of stamps. But I notice an all-too-common tendency amongst the newer specialized collections to simply pile up masses of material, much of it not truly philatelic, overshadowing (or perhaps disguising the absence of) the study of the actual stamps.

I think the war, and the popular vogue of the Aero stamp, have played a considerable part in this state of affairs. War stamps and aero stamps have attracted new adherents to philately, who, lacking experience and guidance, have seen a few really specialized collections of stamps, and have set themselves out to amass collections on a compendious scale. The war stamp craze tempted some to let themselves go in grand style. A few stamps, and masses and masses of post, or censor-marked covers, field postcards, and documents of all kinds, bearing, it is true, upon the history of the war, but having little, if any, relation to postage stamps.

I have seen quite lately more than one so-called Aero-stamp collection, which would fill a library, and in each case the effect upon me has been a sort of aero-indigestion. It is not stamp-collecting to subscribe to a press cutting service to get everything that appears in the world's newspapers on aviation, aviation meeting labels and privately issued air labels in sheets; it is not stamp-collecting to show a fragment of the wings or the metal of an aeroplane which has done some service; all this sort of thing is more suited to an Aero-Museum.

But what a conscientious philatelic observer cannot fail to observe is that such collections, overcrowded with non-philatelic material, are generally very deficient in bona-fide philatelic stuff, and are altogether deficient in philatelic study. Indeed they seem to miss the whole idea and basis of the study of stamps.

The new collector will do well to reflect upon the axiom that in philately "the STAMP is the thing" and before admitting anything beyond the stamp should satisfy himself that it is an exhibit strictly relative to the stamps. Another fault with the new specialist of the wealthier class is to overload a collection with meaningless blocks and a superfluity of specimens, but my purpose in introducing this subject is mainly to suggest that we all strive for a more complete sanity in special collecting. Anyone can pile up material, and if that were all that went to the making of a philatelist, stamp-collecting would not appeal to intelligent men and women as it does. Philately begins

with the elimination of the surplus and the proper selection and co-ordination of the material that really matters.

As a Philatelic Society, we are not exceeding our province in pointing out the mistakes of the new collector. He is generally junior in philately if not in Anno Domini. It looks so easy and tempting, this broadening-out of Philately, that some appear to be broadening it out so far that it ceases to be Philately.—From Fortnightly.

4 POSTAGE STAMP AUCTION IN LATVIJA—By George H. Jaeger.

Even the Post Administration of Latvia has tried its fortune by postage stamps auction and has announced with great pomp: 1st Latvian Postage stamps Auction at Riga, August 31st, 1922. There were stamps at sale amounting to Nominal Lett. Rubl 768,598, 35 Kap. Although Latvia has already emitted over 121 fivers stamps—that are out of circulation, excepted the latest Type Coat of Arms and the air mail stamps—there are only at sale 9 kinds, and no complete sets. The following stamps came at sale: The ordinary Type Sun Design, note size 5 Kap. (print of Riga) 162,635 copies, 10 Kap. (print of Libau) 70 copies, 20 Kap. (print of Riga) 490 copies, 40 Kap. 822,864 copies, 50 Kap. 403,708 copies, 75 Kap. 828 copies, 3 Rbl Konstituantu 67,200 copies, 5 Rbl. 4752 copies, 20 Rbl. surcharged stamps 0-50 Kap. Lettgallia 169 copies. The bid was said to begin with Nominale. The stamps were classified in 70 Lots a 4191 Rbl., 99 a 4708 Rbl., 1 Lot a 4688 Rbl., 1 Lot a 4447.35 Rbl., on the whole 171 Lots. Only 2 buyers have been on the Auction, however they were not agreed with the sale, for, there were no complete sets sold. Consequently the postage-stamps Auction of Riga has found a deplorable conclusion, for, it was not made a bidding. The whole stamps disappeared again in the interior of the posthouse.

There is no doubt, that nearly all the Latvia stamps are sold off, for, of the 121 stamps that have appeared up to date in Latvia, only 9 stamps were announced at sale by the Post administration. Probably this will be the reason for a price-elevation of the Latvia stamps, especially the complete sets.

Finally I wish to remark that the failed 1st Postage-stamps Auction of Latvia probably will be the last and consequently it can be no talking about remainders of Latvia stamps.

I will hope that these stamps, that are not sold on the Auction, will not come into circulation as surcharged stamps, for the high provisories of 10 and 100 Rbl are totally consumed.

Just now have appeared in Latvia high values: 20, 50 and 100 Rublu, Type Coat of Arms. The 20 Rbl. stamp is pale lilac, a very ugly colour, however the 50 and 100 Rbl. stamps are very nice, they are larger than the low values, 27 2.5 X 27 2.5 mm., Perforation 11 1-3. This stamp shows in a beautiful ornament the great coat of arms of the State Latvia, below this, upon a band the design Latvia and in the both lower corners the value of 50 respect. 100 Rublu. The colour of the 50 Rbl. stamp is brown, of the 100 Rbl. stamp blue-green. These both stamps are without doubt the most beautiful stamps of Latvia.

Rare war stamps continue to hold their own at auction, and indeed are practically unobtainable through the ordinary channels. It is really rather pathetic to compare the consistently high prices realized by these modern rarities, as compared with those paid for such classics as early Nova Scotias, Capes and New Brunswicks.

Texas is getting on the map in a philatelic way again. Although Texas has always maintained a pretty active stamp society in and around San Antonio, through the help of the Local Society at Galveston and the efforts of Mr. T. E. Flick of that city a movement is on foot to organize an exclusive state society, to hold annual conventions within the state, etc. In an effort to do this Mr. Flick's local club is putting out a little folder and he will gladly place on his mailing list the name of any Texas collector.

Recently a local club was organized at Houston, Texas, as a result of the publicity of the Galveston collectors.

Also there is local club at Dallas of which Mr. H. W. Blanks of the Y. M. C. A. is secretary. This club holds its meeting every two weeks. Any collector is welcome to attend.

Dallas has been on the map philatelically for the past two years, since the removal to that city of J. E. Guest, sales superintendent of the American Philatelic Society. Mr. Guest has thrown all of his best efforts to the building up of the sales department. In 1921 the total sales for the year were about \$19,000. For the year ending July 15, 1922, about \$29,000, and he predicts a total of \$40,000 for the current year ending in July next.

The American Philatelic Society is fast nearing the 2,500 membership mark. Through their activity in Congress last year in backing the bill for illustrating U. S. stamps in catalogues they have enlisted the support of many collectors. The Society stands for the best in philately and deserves the support of every collector everywhere.

To Minneapolis goes the first credit for broadcasting a "stamp night" by radio. This was done on the night of January 19th through the efforts of the Burt McCann Co., and it is announced that subsequent nights will be devoted to this publicity work. It's time for other radio stations to get in line.

Here's a question. In whose name is the title to stamps affixed to a letter. The sender or recipient. Lately a firm in N. Y. C., selling stamps by mail, have been using airplane stamps on their mail and then stamping their invoices with this notice, "If you wish to retain the stamps used on this cover kindly add the face of same to your remittance, otherwise return them." Some nerve?

CARUSO'S COLLECTION.

Amongst the millions of people who find pleasure and recreation in the cult of the postage stamp surprisingly few find their way into the philatelic limelight. There are a great many owners of notable collections whose names, for one reason or another, do not figure in "Who's Who in Philately." Chiefly, it is due to an inherent dislike of publicity in any form. On the other hand, a number of persons, prominent in public life, are unsuspected stamp collectors, and the extent of their collections if known would cause a sensation. One of these was the late Snr. Enrico Caruso, the world-famous tenor, who died last year. Few people were even aware of his penchant for philately, and certainly no one credited him with the ownership of a \$200,000 collection, yet that is the value placed for the purpose of probate upon his stamp collection, which is bequeathed to his wife.—Stamp Collecting.

The wind of good fortune brings a smile to the face of a philatellist as quickly as the wind of misfortune, which scatters his carefully sorted stamps, brings a scowl.

NOTABLE STAMPS OF 1922.

The past year was an overcrowded one from a philatelic point of view. Since the first day of 1922--when Austria, Germany and Japan sent us brand-new sets of stamps and St. Helena gave us the first 1d. green and 1½d. red adhesives ever issued within the British Empire—we have had to contend with well over a thousand new emissions, new colours, new water-marks, and other well-considered trifles. Many of those issued a year ago are now obsolete, as, for example, the St. Helena's, which were superseded during the summer.

On January 12th, 1922, the then current stamps of Malta were put on sale overprinted with the words "Self-Government" in token of Malta's new Constitution, these being subsequently replaced by the striking emblematical designs now current.

Australia's penny violet appeared on February 15th, followed two days later by the first postage stamps of the Irish Free State, since when we have had an avalanche of Gaelic provisionals and—so far—one value in a definite type for Southern Ireland.

From the West Indies, new sets of stamps came from Antigua, the Cayman Islands, Trinidad, and the Turks and Caicos Islands, while within the last few weeks Jamaica has contributed a new 6d. stamp with a view of Port Royal, and the Islands of Barbuda, in the Leewards, and Ascension in the South Atlantic, have been provided with temporary issues of their own. Gambia, Kenya, Tanganyika, the United States, Brazil, Belgium, Mexico, Ecuador, Uruguay, Guatemala, Czecho-Slovakia, Lithuania, Esthonia, Poland, Soviet Russia, Italy, Norway, Roumania, Switzerland, Egypt, Palestine, Turkey, the Sudan, the Kingdom of the Hedjaz—each of these has contributed its quota to the stampologic output of the Old Year. On the very first day of 1922 a new name was added to the stamp album by the creation of provisional adhesives for the French West African territory of Haute-Volta, overprinted on the existing stamps of Upper Senegal and Niger, and other French Colonies have left their impress on the philatelic track chart of the departed year.—Stamp Collecting.

The Philatelic Magazine of England Says: The New ABC of Stamp Collecting, by Fred J. Melville, 160 pp., with 24 plates of illustrations. Cloth-bound, was the earliest and, in some respects, the best of the many popular primers of Philately that have come from its author's facile pen. A wealth of information and sound advice for the stamp collecting novice is imparted with a charm of literary style that makes its perusal as fascinating as a volume of romance. The claim that this pioneer of popular philatelic publications started more collectors in the pleasant paths of philately than any other book on the subject is, possibly, not over-stated. In the new edition before us, Mr. Milville has happily preserved the spirit, and to some extent the context of the original, whilst bringing the volume fully up-to-date with added chapters upon such modern phases of the hobby as war and air post stamps. The full-sized illustrations of representative stamps from Abyssinia to Zululand are a great improvement upon the midgets of 1904, and as "a guide to the instructive and interesting study of the world's postage stamps" it should unquestionably make as many recruits to the present generation of stamp collectors as it did to the last.

We need in U. S. books like this. Why cant A. P. S. do so?

THE POPULARITY OF STAMPS. WHY IS IT?

In every civilized country, in every city, in every town of any importance, the wide world over, thoughtful men and women are to be found in social groups, or societies, quietly and pleasantly enjoying themselves in the enduring pursuit of stamp collecting.

There must be some reason for this popularity, this devotion of all classes to a pursuit, this unbroken record of progress. It cannot be satisfactorily accounted for as a passing fancy or fashion. It has too long stood the test of years to be so easily explained away. Fancies and fashions come and go, but stamp collecting flourishes from decade to decade. Princes and peers, merchants and members of Parliament, lawyers and doctors, school boys and octogenarians all follow this postal Pied Piper and Hamelin, "grave old plodders, gay young friskers, fathers, mothers, uncles, cousins," all bent upon the pursuit of this pleasure-yielding hobby.

Why is it? Whence comes this fascination?

To the unprejudiced inquirer the reply is simple. To the leisured man it affords a stimulating occupation, with a spice of competition; to the busy professional man it yields the delight of a recreative change; to the studious, an inexhaustible scope for profitable research; to the old the sociability of a pursuit popular with old and young alike; to the young, a hobby prolific of novelty, and one moreover that harmonizes with school studies in historical and geographical directions; to the money maker, an opening for occasional speculation; and to all a satisfying combination of a safe investment and a pleasure-yielding study.

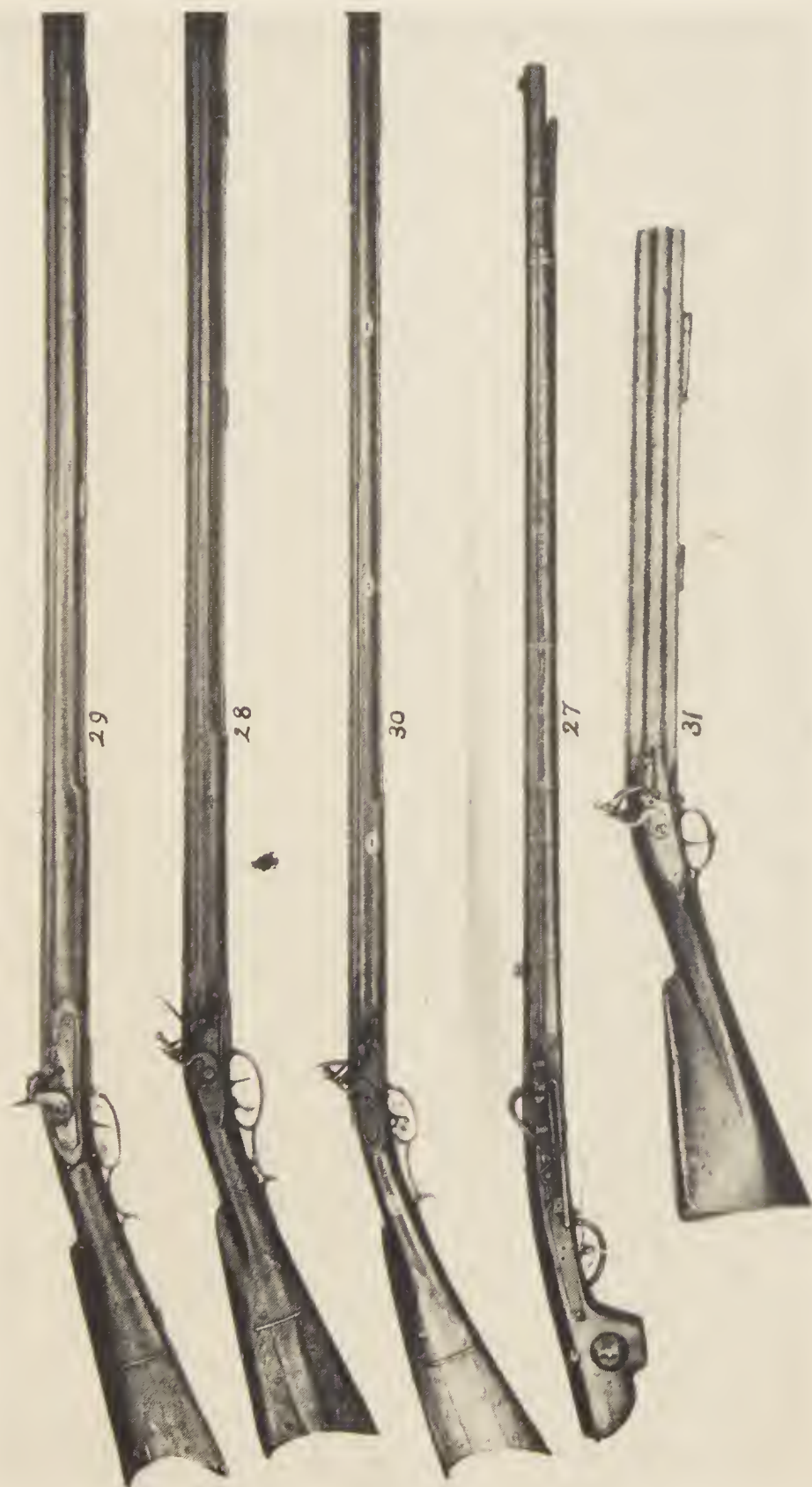
Stamps in a collection, rich in memories of history and of art link the past with the present; they mark the march of empires and the federation of states, the rise and fall of dynasties, and the peaceful extension of postal communication between the peoples of the world.—Postage Stamp.

STAMPS OF THE YEAR.

There was an increase of approximately 540 in the total number of our postage stamps issued during 1923, amounting to 1825 as against 1275 last year. Changes in the design, colours and watermarks of British Colonial issues accounted for 462 varieties, the remainder emanating from foreign countries. Austria and Memel contributed the largest numbers for individual countries, the former with 68 and the latter 59 new stamps. The most notable stamp issues of the year were those for the Irish Free State, Malta Self-Government, Kingdom of Egypt, Brazilian Centennial Roumanian Coronation series, Mazzini Commemoratives, and the much-discussed Malaya-Borneo Exhibition overprints. New stamp-issuing countries sprang into being in Ascension, Barbuda and Karelia. The latter, together with Central Lithuania and the Republic of the Extreme East closed their philatelic accounts in 1922.

DON'T FORGET

With this number there will be about 600 expirations of subscriptions. We welcome all of them back on the list. Look at your subscription label and, unless your remittance has been made so late in the month that it did not get into the corrections for the month, it will show you to what time you are paid. Your future duty then is plain. If you are soon in arrears make remittance at once.



From Catalogue of Walpole Galleries, New York.

See Article on Norway Postage Stamps.



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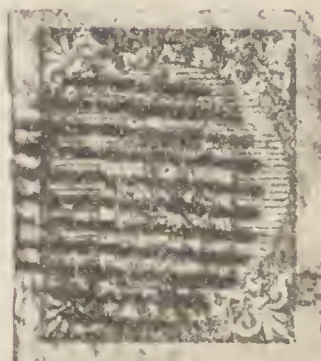
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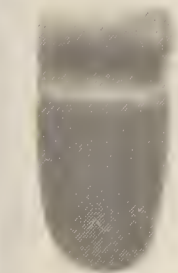
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Son of D. Boudeman, Kalamazoo, Mich., taken in coat
of armour used by the German machine gunners in
the world war and 16th century helmet on his head.
H. SCHOENBORN, Canby, Ore., with his youngest
son is farmer collecting over 21 years, and taken
WEST over 15 years.



GROUP OF VERY SLATE ARTIFACTS AND WITHIN TWO OF PIQUA OHIO



SLATE ARTIFACT

Collection of George C. Lemley, Piqua, Ohio.



Wetzel rifle made in Pennsylvania in 1827. Only one other known of this 2-barrel rifle. Is in fine working order, is finely inlaid. Property grandson well known Indian collector living at Superior, Neb.



Some of the collection of DAN S. BROWN, Oxford, Ohio.

Some of collection of D. Brown, Oxford, Ohio.

VERNON LEMLEY, well known collector. Bloomington, Kans., in his cowboy costume. See ad.



SCHULTZ, Coin Dealer, Colorado Springs, Colo. See his ad.



Seever's, Webster Groves, Mo., Sphinx Pipe he found in Illinois.

Wm. Force Scott Esqr.

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New York City,

U.S. America,

To the Postman! — I kaint exactly tell you the number
of the house: but its white: an you cut through from Wall
to totter street an sit out on the backside when your in a hurry
but Mr Scott lives up stair's, an you kin git tew him by a
little box ^{you} git into, — so dark you kaint see the sneeze by:
an they jerk you up, "gallows"-fashion by a rope. — I sness you
munt know the place. Good bye! —



From Catalogue of Walpole Galleries, New York
From 'Collectors' Club Philat. list.

INDIAN LORE.—THE ZUNI INDIANS.

The Zuni Indians—who by the way are really not Indians at all, but members of far more ancient, primitive peoples—seem to be direct survivors of the age of women. The North American Indians are undoubtedly of Asiatic origin and ages ago were invaders of what is now our land. The Zuni and their kindred tribes would appear to be, from the latest investigations, descendants of a race which may even have grown up its ape-like ancestors right here in what is now the United States. With them the immemorially ancient feminist civilization has come down practically intact through the hundreds of centuries.

An expedition which has just begun to uncover the secrets of this stubbornly reticent folk was made possible by the money of Archer M. Huntington, of New York, who ten years ago conceived the idea of a survey of the strange culture of the Southwest. As a trustee of the American Museum he submitted plans for this survey and has since contributed all the funds needed to keep the best scientific minds at work on the ground. Gradually these have overcome the suspicion and stubbornness of the Zuni. The amazing new discoveries are the result. The distinguished anthropologist, Dr. Clark Wissler, was made director of the survey with a large corps of eminent investigators. How they wheedled their facts out of the priestesses, the old women of the tribes, the chiefs and elders, would make a fascinating story in itself. Preliminary reports of the work as far as it has progressed have just come to hand.

One of these professional papers may be said to be complete—the last word. Its title is "The Zuni Kin and Clan," and is by Dr. A. L. Kroeber, of the University of California.

Zuni village comprises a population not over 1,800 people. These are divided into some 220 families of 16 names, and these the names of certain plants and animals, each family name forming a clan. Likewise each name is that of a woman, which the husband acquires when he marries her. The only other parallel is probably the Hopi Indians; a report on whom has not yet been made.

The foundation of Zuni society is the family. Life centers about the house. The clan is above all a ceremonial institution. The family life of the Zuni is lived precisely as if no white man had yet set foot on American soil. Descent in the clans is from the mother. A Zuni is of his mother's clan, but he recognizes his relationship to his father's people by calling himself the child of his father's clan. Along with taking precedence over the men in carrying group names the women own the houses. A man may, by the labor of his own hands, erect a new house for his wife, from quarrying the rock to laying the roof, while she does nothing more than plaster the walls. Let a divorce or separation take place, and the property and children unquestionably belong to her.

Readers are invited to forward early authentic information in connection with Philately generally, and also in respect to new issues and discoveries of stamps. Copies of any official documents relative to any of the current issues, or postal decrees, are also solicited.

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SHORT PARAGRAPHS.—By M. Sorensen.

With the United States government guaranteeing the price of silver produced in this country, it is now profitable enough to cause the old mines to resume operation and new sources to be sought. Throughout Utah and Nevada whole villages which have slept peacefully for decades are coming back to life with renewed vitality. Camps whose names would have been forgotten but for Mark Twain are now receiving daily notices in the mining press. People are again seen about their streets, and houses so long deserted, are receiving new coats of paint. Eureka, Tuscarora, Pioche, Cherry Creek, the Bellerophon, the Silver Wave and other mining enterprises are once more names to conjure with.

Recently the "Bankers' Home Magazine" of New York City wrote the First National Bank at Sarcxie, Mo., this letter:

Please inform us what a berry-glommer is, and what the nature of the aluminum check is through which this strange individual obtains cash at the bank: we notice an item in the Sarcxie Record which leads to this inquiry.

And nothing daunted, Barney Finn of the Record answered for the bank:

The word glommer is a colloquialism, probably derived from the Latin, *glomus*, a ball, and from *glomerate*, the act of gathering into a ball. From this the transit is easy to glommer, one who gathers. A berry-glommer, therefore, is one who gathers or picks berries. The term has been in use locally since the berry growing industry was begun here fifty years ago. It affords a synonym for use in place of the word picker.

The aluminum check is a device used for paying glommers without using an inconvenient amount of money. When the glommer "gloms" a tray of berries, or six quart cups, he is given a check on which is stamped "One Tray." This year a tray check represented 18 cents. The bank issues the checks to the growers on a kind of promissory note and then redeems the checks at par when presented.

Use of "strawberry tokens", as small aluminum coins given to pickers in the berry fields of the southwest in lieu of cash are known, probably will be discontinued next year.

The tokens, which are issued by banks in the berry districts, and given to their patrons to pay off the berry pickers, are stamped in violation of a federal law which forbids the issuing of any token, coin, note or check for an amount less than one dollar.

The tokens have been used many years in the berry districts as cash. This year they were issued in 72-cent, 24-cent, and 3-cent amounts, the 72-cent token being pay for picking a crate of berries, the 24-cent for a tray and the 3-cent for a box. Use of the tokens as cash was discovered by a secret-service operative who was standing in a Joplin store when a man paid for some merchandise with several of the tokens.

Banks at Joplin, Springfield, Aurora, Neosho and other South Missouri cities had been issuing the tokens for years, and a report of the discovery was being made to the secretary of the treasury at Washington, whose ruling would decide whether the farmers in the berry fields would pay the pickers in cash next season.

Many people have been striving to become millionaires—to possess a million. Some have reached the goal, while others had to be content with less. During the last few years this has been made somewhat easier—if you count your belongings in Russian rubles, Austrian kronen or even German

marks. A little loose change in your jeans will turn the trick. For a couple of dollars you can become the owner of a million rubles, the Austrian kronen is not worth much more, and at the time of this writing a dollar will buy between 6,000 and 7,000 marks. We have read stories about Austrian and German currency being used as price tags and labels on beer bottles, because it was found cheaper and easier to use the nicely printed little slips of paper than to have regular labels printed. A soap manufacturer used the notes to wrap his soap in. And we have seen illustrations showing that they were used instead of wall paper because they were cheaper and more artistic than the regular product.

Recently a business firm in Chicago offered 50,000 rubles as a premium along with a package of their product. A publisher in the same city went them one better and offered a million rubles as premium for getting him a new subscriber.

When it may be had that cheap I think it is good policy to secure all you can, while it is possible to get it so easy and in crisp, uncirculated condition. I am filling a large loose leaf album with this currency, and I find my collection both interesting and artistic.

THE CAHOKIA MOUNDS.—By William J. Seever.

Thanks are due to Professor Warren K. Moorehead, curator of the department of American Archaeology, Phillips Academy, Andover, Mass., for the proposed establishment of a state park, bill now pending in the Illinois state legislature, thereby saving to the people of Illinois and the country there, the largest and most important earthworks upon the American continent, located in Madison and St. Clair counties, Illinois, a few miles east of the city of St. Louis.

This interesting area has been written and talked of for a generation and more but it remained for Prof. Moorehead to clearly establish by painstaking research the past year, that the enormous earthworks are of human handiwork and that the surrounding alluvial plain covering several miles in area, was at one time the seat of a populous community. Prof. Moorehead at much sacrifice on his part and by persistent effort raised a large sum of money wherewith it was possible to accomplish this work. Many interesting and important archaeological discoveries have been made, much material unearthed, all of which has been placed with the museum of the Illinois state university at Urbana, Illinois, thus awakening interest among Illinoisians who have taken steps to provide necessary legislation in their state for this purpose. A printed report covering the results of the investigations of the Cahokia Mounds is now in preparation by the University of Illinois and those interested should apply for copies thereof.

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Every cent spent with our ads will make a better paper for you. Be sure and mention the WEST when writing all Advertisers.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

NELSON T. THORSON, Omaha, Neb., publisher Omaha Post, Swedish paper since 1910, prominent in Bull Moose party nationally and state republican committee, mentioned in Who is Who. Secretary of Foreign Language Press since 1912, district secretary American Numismatic association, member Swedish-Belgium-Holland and American Numismatic society, New York Numismatic club and Philatelic societies. Has large collection of coins, principally Scandinavian. Numismatic library one of largest. Large collection of old smoking pipes, rare photos and autograph letters. Also vice president Poultry association, large collection pheasants, bantams and pigeons. Won twenty-four first prizes with twenty-four birds in 1921. See ads.

NORMAN SHULTZ of Colorado Springs, Colo., started in the coin business about six years ago from a 2c piece he found while going by an old house. He sold it and bought other coins and sold them, keeping that up until now. He has \$10,000.00 stock of coins from the 2c piece that he found and never invested anything else only the 2c piece. Been one of West advertisers.

NED H. STARBIRD, Cherry Valley, Mass., is an enthusiastic collector in all lines, but his particular hobby is receiving a souvenir post card, mailed separately from each stamp issuing country or colony. At present he has received cards from practically all the larger countries and colonies, but with the new countries formed by the world war, a new field was opened.

He graduated from Leicester Academy, Leicester, Mass., in 1906. This academy was founded in 1784 and is rich in historic relations. Since that time he has been connected with the Royal Worcester Corset Co., Worcester, Mass., in various positions. He worked for several years in the export branch, thus getting an excellent chance to become acquainted with various ways of exchanging. During the war he enlisted in the U. S. merchant marine, and was assigned to the U. S. ship Lake Louise. On account of his various correspondents abroad he was able to get together a nice collection of war envelopes and censor marks, which will be described in an article at a later date. Mr. Starbird would appreciate exchanging from any of the "West" readers, any war envelopes that they may have in duplicate. If any other "West" readers have any special envelopes from our troops abroad or any of the troops engaged in the great war and will mail them to Mr. Starbird for his collection he will be very glad to describe them, giving credit to the sender.

Several subscriptions sent in mail on railroad train with no name or address. So far I am not able to guess what or who they may be. Some may wonder why they don't get their paper. The most renewals and new subscriptions we have seen for many years. Subscriptions are cut off when out. Demand more than we have copies to supply. With P. O. rates and cost of printing so many times more you can see reason for this.

We had so many calls for December issue we ran out. Would like any reader send any in good shape and extend your own subscription for two months for each copy sent.

The Want X Ad will do anything within reason. If you have anything to sell or trade, it pays to try the WEST WANT ADS. 3c a Word. Try one Now!

AUTOGRAPH AND OTHER NOTES.

Written for "WEST" by "Auto Graphe."

From London comes the story that a boy in that city bought an autograph album filled with signatures. They lacked neatness, so he purchased a new book and copied all the names in it.—Autograph Bulletin.

This hath, to us, a piscatorial sound. Mayhap she come from Scotland, and she be made from the whole cloth.

In the list of a New York dealer we note autographed photographs of Douglas Fairbanks and Henry Wadsworth Longfellow offered at \$5.00 each. What's in a name? Would like to know by what mental process this dealer figures them of the same value. If an autographed photograph of Fairbanks is worth \$5.00, one of Longfellow is worth about \$50.00. Again one of Eugene Field is offered for \$5.00, and so is Fanny Davenport, the actress. Shades of Alcibiades. Upon what meat does this, our dealer feed?

Again an A. L. S. of President John Adams is offered at \$17.50, which is cheap; but upon the succeeding page he wants \$42.50 for an A. L. S. of Jefferson Davis. To the initiate these prices make for an expansion of the rachinnatory muscles, so to speak.

A New England newspaper gives up the following: "The Marblehead (how appropriate) Historical Society came into possession of a valuable historical document in the shape of a commission as Lieutenant in the State militia of Nathaniel Hooper. The commission bears the signature of Gov. John Hancock and his secretary, John Avery, and is dated 1791." As a valuable "historical document" it is non compis mentis. They can be bought from any dealer in the land from \$15.00 to \$20.00 each.

A dispatch from Vienna informs us that: "Italy has laid claim to the famous collection of medieval manuscripts was made by John Hinderbach, an Austrian priest, who late in the 15th century became Bishop of Trent. This collection was bought by Austria from Trent cathedral in 1890 and comprises 158 pieces of the earliest known French, German, English, Italian and Latin scores, forming a history of music from 1000 to 1400 A. D."

We would suggest as an alternative, and to avoid expensive legal procedure, that the collection be presented to us. We would, we assure you, be appreciative.

Most of the manuscripts of Shakespeare's plays which are still in existence, are kept in the Shakespeare Museum in the house of the author of Stratford-on-Avon. The museum also contains the first collection of his plays, the "Folio of 1623."

A remaining portion of the collection of the late John Boyd Thacher of Albany was sold recently at the Anderson Galleries. This contained some extraordinarily rare autographs, including autograph letters signed by Leonardo Di Vinci, painter of "The Last Supper," etc. and of Peter Paul Rubens, Raphael Sanzio de Urbino, Michelangelo and others. These all ran way into three figures, which they were well worth.

The original manuscript of Walt Whitman's "After All Not To Create Only" was recently sold in New York for \$1,500.00. Personally I know of many autographs that could be procured for this amount that I would much rather have. Yea, ho!

In the catalogue of a Central New York dealer, I recently noted the following offered for sale: D. S. by Louis XI of France, dated 1466, a letter

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

WASHINGTON NOTES.—By Leslie Hart of Washington, D. C.

An interesting item that I was recently shown by the Heitmuller Company of this city was a set of Civil war Fractional Currency, endorsed on the back: Seized as evidence, counterfeit, U. S. Inspector."

The same people showed me an ancient deed signed by William Penn and another by his successor, John Penn, for some Pennsylvania properties in Chambersburg.

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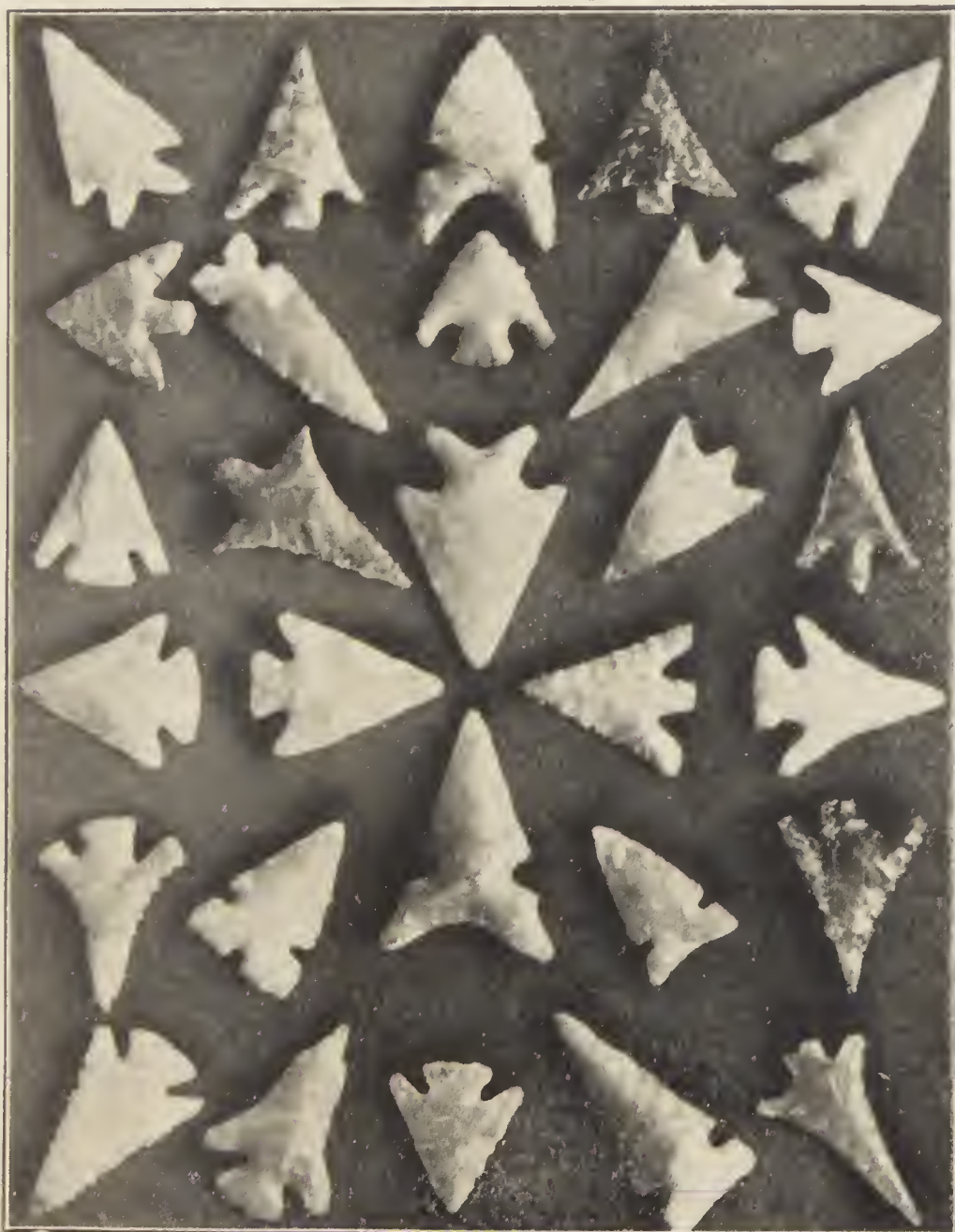
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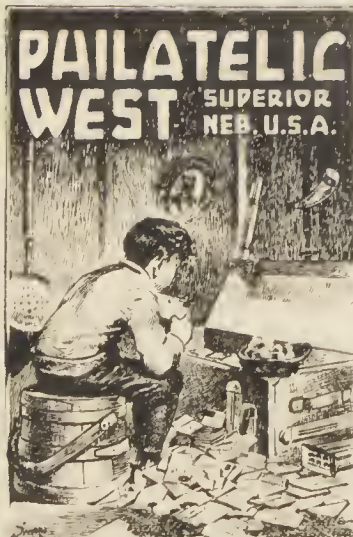
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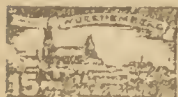
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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Glad to report or hear U. S. Stamp illustration law passed March 4th.

Spring is here and with it hosts of opportunities. Somebody wants something all the time, for if you want it, Want X Ad will get it for you; just as fishing is good in cloudy weather, so is Want X Ads good most any time, for the demand for stamp papers has been the best I ever seen. Why it made some delays to help fill up so many orders.

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Verry, Malden, Mass., more than pleased with progress of WEST. Looking over the wonderful collection of information and found it time well spent. Wishes he could afford to give every library in this land of ours a year's subscription.

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* **PRECANCELS.**—By H. S. Dickey, "The Stamp Man."

The reason some collectors sometimes get discouraged in collecting precancels is because they start to cover the whole U. S. at one shot and they get strung out over too big a territory. Now I collect all the different states; but I collect in a systematic manner, by taking a group of states, just like we studied geography at school i. e. The Central States comprise one group, The Eastern States another, The Southern States the third group and The Western States the fourth group, of course after I have gotten all of any one group together that a person can reasonably expect to get within a reasonable period of time; then I change over and start in on my next group and in this manner I have the pleasure of some new states to turn to all the time. Of course if I can pick up any odds and ends of other states I do so and simply hold them in reserve till I start mounting up the states later on.

A person can make a very interesting collection of either Chicago, Ill. or New York, N. Y., at a very little expense and have a dandy time doing it too. Other cities such as Boston and San Francisco are equally interesting so you have a choice of a single city from any one of your four groups of states if you do not care to cover anything else.

If the new beginners would try my suggestions on either single cities or a group of states they will find the game unusually interesting and fascinating and they will also learn a lot about the different U. S. issues precancelled.

Even if I didn't collect precancels as a precancel collector I would still want a few representative sets of the different U. S. issues such as 1898, 1902, 1910, 1912, 1918 and the new 1923 U. S. set in my collection just to show how the sets look precancelled, I would also want one set of the Parcel Posts and one of the Jamestown and other exposition issues precancelled as I consider no U. S. collection complete without sets of its precancelled issues.

Sometime this year will start the biggest stamp boom since 1869. Why? Because the 1923 set of U. S. stamps comes nearer being a pictorial issue like the '69s than any stamps we've had since then; their size and their artistic beauty being very much in their favor, and as soon as they come into general use collectors will go wild over them; any one who isn't a precancel collector now probably will be before this year is over, because the 1923 U. S. set will start and cause more interest to be taken in U. S. stamp collecting than any issue we've had since 1869, unless it were the 1893 U. S. Columbian issue which caused a boom at that time.

FIRST COMMEMORATIVES.

Old John Wanamaker's Chicago World's Fair Exhibition stamps are generally looked upon as the first commemorative stamps, but, while they were undoubtedly the first greatest philatelic recruiting series of stamps ever issued, they can scarcely claim to be the first commemoratives. This claim belongs to France, in the Empire issue of 1862-69, Though appearing somewhat late after the events which they celebrate—Louis Napoleon's victories of Solferino and Magenta—and their commemorative purport lies on Napoleon's brow in the shape of the laurel wreath of the Romans.

So far as concerns Wanamaker commemorating the quadricentennial of the landing of Columbus, he was, of course, forestalled by upwards of twelve months by Salvador.—Stamp Collecting.

PHILATELIC LIBRARY IS GIVEN TO CLUB.

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The library has just been placed in the club rooms at 120 West Forty-ninth St. Mr. Steinway has been an active member of the club for many years and his collection of postage stamps ranks among the noteworthy ones in this country.

While there are a few philatelic libraries larger than the present one, that of Lord Crawford in England being regarded as the most complete in the world, this Austrian collection is the most comprehensive in the postage stamp history of the nineteenth century. Among the volumes there are 750 in the English language, 208 being published in the United States and Canada, 429 in the German language, 139 in French, 19 in Spanish, 17 in Italian, 14 in Dutch and 12 in other languages. Of the large number of periodicals more than 13,000 are in English, the United States and Canada being represented by 9,318, in the German language there are 7,324, in French 4,115 and in Spanish 890.

Judge Suppantsehsch was born in Austria in 1838. He was the son of a prosperous merchant, was graduated from the University of Vienna, attained a high place in his profession, becoming Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the Austrian Empire and later President of the Senate. He died in 1918. He became interested in postage stamps as early as 1863, in which year the first German philatelic journal was published at Leipsic. Complete copies of this as well as of other early philatelic journals, now very scarce, are in the library.

The Austrian Judge was not content with being a mere collector of postage stamps. He was a keen student of philately, and in 1870 his first contributions to stamp journals began. He wrote for practically all of the leading European publications. In 1892 he began his greatest work, a bibliography of German philatelic literature, which was issued in sixteen parts and was published in complete form in 1892. In this work he accomplished for German philatelic literature what Bacon and Lord Crawford did for English philately in 1911.

STAMP DEMAND SHOWS GOOD BUSINESS IN U. S.

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Demand for stamps is so heavy it has been impossible to keep up with it.

There also has been a rapid increase in the use of the postage metering device which requires no stamps.

Judging from the large number of ads, The WEST must be a puller.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

BOSTON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.—Reported by "The Observer."

On Friday, March 23, I was privileged to attend the exhibition of stamps at the Public Library under the direction of the Boston Philatelic Society, Inc. The stamps were well displayed under glass, as the Library authorities had loaned the use of the "Fine Arts" room for the occasion. A thirty-two page souvenir booklet was given to each person, containing a brief history of the postage stamp, description of the various exhibits, photographs of the committees in charge and a complete list of the society's members with addresses and what they especially collected.

The cover was well designed, printed in black and white with illustrations of several stamps so pictured that the entire front cover was a mass of stamp illustrations. In the center was the name of the organization.

Probably the finest display was of Mr. D. L. Pickman of stamps from West Australia. He had copies of both the used and unused 2 penny lilac error of 1865.

Through the courtesy of the postmaster at Boston, an exhibit was obtained from the government consisting of a series of die proofs on India paper, of all stamps issued up to 1904.

Several varieties of the 5 cent error of 1917 were shown.

The attendance each day has been very large and at the suggestion of the library authorities, the exhibition was extended over to include Sunday.

There is no doubt but Philately has been given much publicity as a result of the exhibition, which will result in new members for the Boston Philatelic Society, and new business for the various Boston stamp dealers who loyally supported it.

COMING U. S. A. BOOM.

Mention of the United States reminds one that we are once more on the threshold of a great U. S. philatelic revival. Though Uncle Sam cannot be by any means congratulated upon his somewhat ill-assorted new series of stamps, which have too much of a Seebeck-cum-Argentine 1888 style, they have been the means of a wonderful rekindled enthusiasm in the States, that was only previously equalled by the Chicago Exhibition stamps of 1893 and the late set on its appearance in 1908.

And when United States stamps begin to boom their popularity spreads as an epidemic, and older issues that may have been stagnant in price for a number of years begin their "John Brown" song once more—of increasing prices.

A study of catalogues of the past thirty years shows that few issues of the great non-League Power lie "mouldering in the grave" of unpopularity. And what greater monument to philatelic research have we than the wonderfully written up lists of the United States stamps in our catalogues—yet simple in their mammoth proportions, alone excepting the single and double-lined watermarks, and no watermarks.—Stamp Collecting.

Under the new rates of postage from Russia to the United States it costs two hundred thousand rubles to mail an ordinary letter, though the letter weighs less than an ounce. That is only ten cents in American money, but if the purchaser of the stamp should decide to pay for it in one-ruble notes he would need nearly two hundred pounds of paper money.

POSTAL MARKINGS.—By A. H. Pike, Buffalo, N. Y.

A little over ten years ago the "PHILATELIC WEST" gave encouragement to postmark collectors and it was through the WEST that the International Postmark Society was formed. This was the first organization of its kind in the United States. Postmarks were impressed on mail matter by hand stampers even before 1700. They were crude affairs compared to present devices but never the less they served a purpose and those to whom mail was entrusted understood the meaning.

About eighty years has elapsed since the postage stamp became a reality. Philately was born during this period. The word philately has a rather indefinite meaning which could be as easily applied to collecting officially applied markings on mail matter as well as to postage stamps.

Some of us stamp collectors have a passion for the historical side of postage rather than the art work of the postage stamp. Postage was paid for hundreds of years before the government decided to give an artistic receipt in colors for the amount paid. Some have been known to rave over a curious design in shadow found on a postage stamp and to bid for it at a thousand percent over catalogue. The same mark impressed on the original cover but not hitting the stamp would not be noticed.

Those who collected postage stamps and classified them according to the markings on the stamps were philatelists who collected cancellations. Those who collected postmarks were considered outside of the philatelic inner circle. It took years to convince the philatelist that there was historical data lacking in his cancellation collection. He wanted to know when and where his cancellations were used. As his collection grew this information became more important. There was a period when the demand was for complete covers and if you have watched auction prices for the past few years you can realize that the demand is still good.

What does it mean? Simply that the cover tells the whole story, BUT the story is usually summed up in the postal markings and the stamp adds the finishing touch. Stamps have been and will be used ten to fifteen years after they were first issued so it is not possible to determine the date of use by the stamp issue. Sometimes there is a mistake in the date of a postmark but it can usually be depended on.

When a letter is mailed with the proper postage and is cancelled and postmarked officially and in accordance to postal rules and regulations and it has reached its journey's end, it constitutes a receipt from the government for a service rendered. This receipt in its entirety includes three separate and distinct things, (1) the postage stamp, (2) the postal markings, (3) the envelope. Any one or two of these does not make a complete whole.

It has been a gradual awakening and the regrets are many that millions of postage stamps have been forever separated from the associations that they had with the original mailing. It is hoped that our readers who have entireties or will come into possession of them later will realize conditions before they make the mistake of separating the stamp from the point of mailing.

Instead of postmark collectors and cancellation collectors we now have collectors of postal markings. There is a very distinct difference. Postal markings is a term used to include postmarks, cancellations and any other

impression placed on mail matter by authorized government employees during the transit of mail matter of all classes.

To the extreme specialist only early U. S. is worthy of consideration. To the progressive philatelist who believes his hobby is the outgrowth of postage, he is willing to look for and see many things of interest even in current material. It is not necessary to attempt to get everything that passes through the mail. To the most of us it is one out of a thousand, to others it might be one out of ten thousand, to others one out a hundred, but to everyone of us there will be something of interest if we watch the daily mail.

Never in the history of philately has there been so much waste paper search as there was last year. In the years before collectors preferred to wait until an issue of stamps were obsolete, until they were hard to get, until they commenced to soar in price and had to be bought from dealers rather than picked out of the waste basket. Think of how much more interesting philately would have been if the pioneer collectors had studied postage rather than stamps and had accumulated current material.

There are so many phases of postal markings when associated with the postage stamp that we will not try to enumerate them at this time. Some of the most interesting are military, aero, slogans (advertising cancellations) and metered mail. All of these have a large following, many are studying the history and data associated with them. During 1922 a complete check list of the slogan cancellations of both U. S. and Canada was compiled and published. This was a monumental work and was greatly appreciated by those who had been collecting these. There was also published a history and check list of First Class Mail Permits including users of postage meters.

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The first New Zealand Philatelic Congress and Exhibition, which terminated at Wellington on October 27th last, was a pronounced success. The exhibition, although a small one, was well laid out and contained a fairly representative display of the postal adhesives of the world. The idea of the committee was to exhibit collections which would specially appeal to non-collectors and which would stimulate interest in the hobby; in this direction the promoters have good reason to feel proud of their efforts, for we learn that the exhibition room was well filled during the whole period the stamps were on view. It is evident from the enthusiasm displayed by many of the visitors, says the "New Zealand Stamp Collector," that numerous recruits will be obtained for the hobby through the efforts of the exhibition committee. Those in charge of the affair were very wise in deciding that it should be on a small scale, inasmuch as it was able to be held in the center of the city and in a room which was very easily accessible to the general public. The result has shown the New Zealand Philatelic Societies that an exhibition of this nature is one of the most successful methods of philatelic extension, and it is to be hoped that stamp exhibitions will now be held more frequently by the various philatelic bodies in the Dominion, as opportunity offers.

Another philatelic record. The Mann collection of New Zealand for \$100,000.00, the highest price ever paid for a specialized collection of a single country's stamps.

THE STAMP KING AND THE KING OF STAMPS.

The owner of the rarest stamp in the world is in England on a trip from America. Stamp collectors will be agog to catch a glimpse of this unique specimen, which realized £7600, the highest figure ever paid for a single stamp at a Paris auction last year. Mr. Arthur Hind, its proud possessor, is the biggest buyer of rare stamps in the market today, and his collection, already the foremost in the States, bids fair to become the greatest of its kind in the world. During the last two years it has absorbed many of the choicest pieces from the world-famous Ferrari stamp treasures as well as numerous other stamps of great price. From the l'Argentiere collection came a matchless pair of 1d. and 2d. "Post Office" Mauritius on one envelope, for which Mr. Hind paid the record price of £11,000.

The American "Ferrari," as he is styled in stamp collecting circles, has collected stamps in a modest way for over thirty years, but only of late has he come into the market as a serious buyer of standard rarities. His collection of United States issues is particularly fine, including many of the scarcest varieties of early Postmasters' provisionals. There is the 5c Alexandria, Va., on buff paper, valued at £1500, and the unique 5c Boscawen, N. H., for which he paid £2400; also the primitive stamp of the Lockport Postmaster, acquired at the Ferrari sale for £1700; and the 5c Annapolis valued at £2000. He has also important specialized collections of Hawaiian Islands, British Guiana, Mauritius, Spain, France, Roumania, Cape of Good Hope, New South Wales, Philippines, etc. Modern stamps associated with the World War and its aftermath attract him no less than the early "classics" of the stamp album.

Mr. Hind, who is a strong believer in rare stamps as an investment, is President of the Hind & Harrison Plush Co. of Clark Mills, N. Y., one of the largest concerns of its kind in the world. He is about sixty years of age and of British birth. Whilst in London he will doubtless attend some meetings of the Royal Philatelic Society, to membership of which he was recently elected. He will probably be in England for the London International Stamp Exhibition in May next, where, it is understood, that the rarest stamp in the world may be on view.—Philatelic Magazine, England.

MAP STAMPS

The printing of a map on stamps is not uncommon, the "Observer" remarks, continuing:—"An Australian stamp still in use has an outline map of the Commonwealth, with the figure of a kangaroo on it. An American 10c of 1904 contained a map of the United States with the territory of Louisiana (purchased from the French in 1803) marked by a dark patch. The Christmas stamp of Canada, issued in 1898 to commemorate Imperial penny postage, had a map of the world with the British possessions colored red. Newfoundland ten years later issued a stamp with a map of that colony." A mappy Christmas, it would seem!—S. C.

The San Francisco Stamp Society, which has been a collectors' club for over eight years, opened their new club room on the 1st of November in the Call Building, room 329. The above society, it is said, is composed of the most representative stamp collectors west of the Rocky Mountains. The membership is over eighty.

THE NATIONAL HERO OF ALBANIA.—By The Postage Stamp.

Alexander Skanderbeg, whose portrait figures on the 1913 issue of Albania, was the son of John, Prince of Albania. Skanderbeg's proper name was George Castriota. As a boy of nine he was brought to the court of Murad II. at Constantinople as a hostage. He was forced to embrace the faith of Islam, for a refusal meant his death.

At the age of eighteen he was given command of a horse with the title of Bey. It was from this title, corrupted by the Christians into Beg, with Iskander or Suander, the Turkish form of Alexander, that Skanderbeg derived the name by which he still lives in Albanian history. He fought many battles for Turkey, but the tragic death of his father, caused by the Turks and the seizure of Albania, determined him to become his avenger.

When Albania rose against the Turks in 1443, Skanderbeg led part of the Turkish army, and at a critical moment, when the fortune of battle was undecided, he deserted to the enemy. He, having proclaimed himself Prince of Albania, made war upon the Turks in the endeavor to free his land from the enemy. For a quarter of a century he successfully resisted all the efforts of the Turks to conquer him. National ballads tell how he slew 2,000 Turks with his own hands. The Sultan of Turkey in 1461 found it necessary to accept terms of peace from him.

When Skanderbeg died in 1467 the Sultan said that the Christians had "lost their buckle and the arm which protected them."

On the stamps his portrait appears as on a coin. In the first printings his name is spelled Skanderbergu, but in subsequent printings the final U was erased. Under the medallion is Gjergji Kastrioti, his proper name. The other inscription means, "Skanderbeg King of the Albanians."

It is said that this portrait was taken from a medal ordered by the Albanian Revolutionary Committee from M. Kautsch, a Parisian medalist. The medal was delivered, but nothing was heard of it until Albania obtained her independence. Then the medal was unearthed and served as a model for the new stamps. M. Kautsch knew nothing of the intention to use his model though he recognized his own work when he saw the new stamps.

The stamps were engraved and surface printed at the Italian State Printing Works, Turin, and presented gratuitously to the new state by the Italian government.

Probably the value of postmark collecting has never been better illustrated than in the present new issue of United States stamps. For instance on the day the new Lincoln 3-cent stamp was issued, (February 12), you could have obtained from the Philatelic Agency in Washington all you wanted at three cents each. Compare this to a recent advertisement of a well known Philadelphia concern. They advertised one stamp on a cover used on the first day of issue from his birthplace, Hodgenville, Ky., for \$1.00. In other words the stamp cost three cents so the postmark in connection with it, to prove its value must be worth ninety-seven cents. Still there are stamp collectors who do not look with favor on this side branch of philately.

The action of the recruiting committee of the American Philatelic Society in appropriating \$1,000 to the purposes of newspaper publicity is worthy of the highest commendation—and emulation. Too long have philatelic propagandists labored without honor or reward.

WEALTH IN STAMPS.

This promises to be a most interesting year for stamp collectors, technically designated as philatelists. There are already out the new three-cent Lincoln portrait stamp and the new dollar stamp bearing the Lincoln Memorial. Every new issue of postage stamps adds to the wealth of the private collector. There could be few bequests made that would be more valuable, estimated on a gold basis, than a complete collection of United States postage stamps of which there is probably not one in existence outside of the government's archives.

These two Lincoln stamps are even of greater importance than of value just now, but that comparative relativity is only a question of time. Many other issues are coming, marking unprecedentedly extensive changes in the world's postage. The new kingdom of Irak and the new state of Palestine will have issues. So will Nauru, that small mandatory island as created by the allies and now but little known outside the gazeteer. Australia is at work on an entire new series with special stamps for the former German islands in the Pacific ocean.

There are several others that are about ready for the presses, including the Union of South Africa, St. Kitts, commemorative of the tercentenary; the Irish Free State, made attractive by historical and liberty designs; the Kingdom of Egypt, bearing King Fuad's effigy and the pyramid. It is announced also that Spain, Italy, Holland and Greece will put forth new designs and Jugo-Slavia's will glorify the birth of a nation.

Philately is more than a fad, it is a valuable scientific pursuit. There is a historical value to stamps that cannot be measured in dollars and cents. A complete collection of the postage stamps of all the nations of the world would be cheap at billions. In fact the value would be beyond estimate.—Boston Post.

The outline map of Ireland on the new 2d. stamps of the Irish Free State has been criticized on the ground that, as Ulster has "contracted out," it is a pious hope rather than a recognition of realities. But, on the whole, says it is better to indulge a pious hope than a poor memory. The late Emperor of Austria and the late King of Portugal were both described in their official titles as "King of Jerusalem." And for how many centuries did kings of England go on claiming Calais as part of their dominions after Queen Mary lost it in 1558?

A contributor, who has just returned from another trip to Dublin, tells us that in one of the new values a few sheets were printed off with an error, which has been corrected, and that this is being kept secret so that there shall be no monopoly. "Now, my lucky boys," he writes in typical fashion, "who's having a bit on the old Shamrock?—And gather the Dollards, if you can get them!"

A lynx-eyed philatelist has discovered an error in the printing of a British postage stamp of the 1½d. denomination. This occurs in the word "halfpence," spelt "halfpenci" on only one stamp in a sheet of 240. The error is said to be peculiar only to sheets of 1½d. stamps bearing the series mark Q 21 on the gummed paper edge. In consequence of its rarity the stamp is greatly coveted by collectors.

PRE-CANCELS AND SHERMACKS.

Not content with the ordinary issues, the United States specialist of his own country's stamps has already developed a side-line that puts colored papers and controls into the shade—the collection of the thousands of types of pre-cancelled United States issues, the possibilities of which are almost as limitless as tram-tickets or match-box labels. So far, this degree of specialism has not altogether spread outside the domains of the Federal Union, and is not likely to, so far as Britain is concerned, when we have the counter attractions of our own Kingdom or Empire's "side-lines."

Yet, on the other hand, few specialists of the United States stamps can resist the semi-official and curious modes of separation that have been extant in the States for the last twenty years—the Shermack, U. S. Automatic Vending Company, Thexton Stamp Vending Machine Company, Mail-o'-Meter, or Brinkerhoff "perforations." Their great round holes and rectangular or triangular "punches" all prove a great fascination to the collector as representing the history and solution of separation of stamps.

While it is claimed that these stamps are not official, it must be remembered that all these firms are licensed by the United States Government, and the stamps are then as official in rank as our own "Mail-meter" stampings, while attaining philatelic dignity since they are purely and simply adhesive postage stamps. If the officially permitted perforations of Messrs. Susse Freres attain catalogue rank, then surely the Shermack "hyphen-hole" or the Brinkerhoff "bullet-hole" stamps of the United States deserve the same respectability.—Stamp Collecting.

COMMON STAMPS REPAY STUDY.

"Le Trait d' Union des Collectionneurs" describes a very interesting recent discovery in a very common stamp, the French orange 5 centimes of the Semeuse type, which proves again that even the very commonest stamps will repay study and often reward the student by entirely unsuspected varieties. The variety in this case is given as the left-hand stamp of a horizontal strip of five taken from a post-office booklet of forty stamps. The left-hand stamp can easily be distinguished by the fact that all the inscriptions are in thinner letters than on the normal variety, but the figure "5" is most conspicuous, as it is much thinner than the normal and of almost uniform thickness throughout; while on the normal stamp it is considerably thicker in the right-hand lower curve, as is usual with this numeral. The letter "e" also appears more rounded and is a shade more distant from the 5. Our contemporary explains this variety as due to one electro in a form of the 5c. being accidentally damaged and then replaced by an old electro dating back to 1906, when the sun on this design was suppressed and numerous electros made which were not put into use, as the inscriptions were too thin. The present-day printers evidently considered the difference too trifling to be noticeable, and did not hesitate to use the once discarded electros, not dreaming that the eagle eye of a philatelist would infallibly discover the difference.

The fellow who is a general collector should not fail to start up cultivating the fiscal revenue side of our hobby, he will find it instructive and interesting, and when he builds up a bunch of say one thousand varieties, will no longer pass them along as a side line.

A "SEND-OFF" FOR NEW U. S. STAMPS.

When a new stamp comes out in the United States nowadays it is accompanied by a rare good "boost." The recent Rutherford B. Hayes stamp was issued to the sound of trumpets on the 100th anniversary of his birth, the 5 cents Roosevelt stamp was issued on October 27th to the clarion notes of 300 school children, accompanied by women trumpeters at the birthday festival of the strenuous Theodore. The stamps are printed in sheets of 400, and the very first sheet was divided into four, the first 100 being framed and presented to Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt by the P. O. Officials at Washington, the second 100 go to Mrs. Warren G. Harding, wife of the President, the third 100, after being exhibited at the birthday festival, goes to the Women's Roosevelt Memorial Association to hang in the birthplace of Theodore Roosevelt at 28, East Twentieth Street, New York, when the house is completely restored.

This is all good business for the Philatelic Stamp Agency of the Post Office Department at Washington, which ought to be doing a roaring trade. Today—Armistice Day—the 50c stamp bearing a picture of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington, is due for issue, and will no doubt attract wide-spread attention.—Stamp Fortnightly, England.

THE COLLECTOR.

I cannot see the sky so blue	The moss-green trunks on woodland
But it reminds me of the hue	ways,
Of some stamp I have seen somewhere	The twilight's rosy afterglow,
In some collection, quaint and rare,	The moonlight white on drifted snow,
I cannot see the grass so green	Such things as these will bring a hint
But I'm reminded of the sheen	Of some strange stamp with gleam and
Of some stamp I have stored away—	glint;
And thus it goes from day to day.	And so I love old Nature more
The birds, the flowers, the humming	For all the pleasures held in store,
bees,	For all things hold a glad surprise—
The leaves that flutter in the trees,	When viewed through a collector's
The sunset's gold ,the purple haze,	eyes.

—Roessler's Stamp News

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FIRST ISSUE OF NORWEGIAN POSTAGE STAMPS.—By H. L. Lindquist.
From Collectors Club Philatelist. Continued from last issue.

FIRST FORGERY.

The paper is thick white wove and the design presents a blotchy appearance.

There are but 37 horizontal lines in the circle and these lines are thicker than the white spaces between.

There are but 21 vertical lines in the shield.

Bottom corner of blade of axe touches the sixth line from the left and is so blotched as to be shapeless.

The lower end of handle comes between second and third lines.

There are but three lines visible to right of hind leg of lion.

The head is badly shaped, the mouth open and tongue out. The eye is large and set in back of head. Crown is large.

There are but four horizontal dashes in the base of the large crown plus three vertical dashes not in the genuine. There is no pearl above second dash.

SECOND FORGERY.

The paper is a thin yellowish-white wove.

There are 35 horizontal lines in the circle and these are thin and nicely drawn.

There are 22 vertical lines in the shield.

The easiest test is the axe which is represented by a pole without a head.

The lower end of the stick comes between the first and second vertical lines.

The right hand top corner of the shield is rounded off in the genuine and in the first forgery, but is square in this one.

There are five vertical lines to the right of the hind leg of lion.

The head is more lion-like than even the original but the crown looks like the comb of a cock. The mouth is open.

There are a number of differences in the large crown.

The numeral of value is closed at the top while open in the original.

The Philatelist for May 1st, 1868, also mentions a lithographed forgery, stating "the words Frimørke and Skilling are smaller and very indistinct."

The cancellations on the first Norwegian stamps offer an interesting opportunity for the specialist.

In the first circular form the Department of Interior to the postmasters announcing the issuance of the stamps (which was dated September 29, 1854) it was provided that:

(c) Each postage stamp shall at the time of posting be cancelled by a steel stamp and blacked.

Collecting stations that have no cancellation stamp must cross the postage stamps with ink, and later they are cancelled according to regulations by the receiving office.

The first steel stamps to be provided for the purpose of cancellation consisted of twelve parallel grooves in a circular shape measuring 20 millimeters across. This is the common grid cancellation and is illustrated in Figure 6. Usually but eleven of the bars show on the cancellation, the upper bar not printing.

This form of cancellation was in continuous use for over a year when it was decided to use an identifying cancellation showing the number of the sending office. This consisted of a numeral surrounded by three concentric rings as shown in Figure 4.

In an official circular dated January 26, 1856, it was ordered:

"Since it is decided that all steel stamps used for the cancellation of postage stamps must be engraved with a number, so that each cancellation stamp gets its special number, we hereby notify every postmaster to collect
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all such stamps in his district and send them to this department.

"Up to the time when these stamps are returned provided with numbers, all post institutions that have date stamps must use them so the date is placed on the postage stamp. The color must be black * * * * Collecting stations that have no date stamp must, until they receive a number stamp, cross over the postage stamps with ink, whereafter the letters are treated according to above rule as soon as received at a postoffice."

During the time intervening when the grid cancellors were collected and the numeral cancellors supplied, the dated cancellations were in use as shown in Figure 7, or the stamps were cancelled in ink, or a combination of the two. Prior to their use as cancellors these dating stamps had of course been used on the covers in addition to the special cancellor, and no doubt stamps may be found bearing dated cancellations before their official recognition.

On July 28, 1856, the new numeral cancellation stamps were ready for distribution and the circular under that date announces:

"From the Department of the Interior is being sent to all postoffices and post stations steel stamps provided with numbers and intended for the cancellation of postage stamps. Postmasters are requested to distribute these stamps also among the collecting stations. Enclosed is a list of every post-office, post station and collection station in the country (with the exception of temporary ones, for instance during steamship traffic). The list also gives the cancellation number for each station.

"Stations receiving mail for steamships, must cancel the postage stamps by drawing two lines of ink across the stamp in this manner: One from the upper right corner to the lower left corner, and one from the upper left corner to the lower right corner."

This method of cancellation was apparently in force until November 30, 1858, at which time an official circular announced:

"(11) Every postal institution possessing date stamps, shall on all letters stamp date and hour of sending in such a way that the postage stamp is cancelled thereby. Lacking date stamp, the number stamp can also in future be used for cancellation, but then the time of sending must be written on the letter."

From this time on the dated cancellation, in black, was the usual thing. An interesting collection of covers showing dates conforming to or varying from these regulations can be formed.

In every instance the regulations specifically provided that the cancellation must be in black ink; blue ones are quite frequently met with. This blue ink was used for the dater and in a rush the wrong pad would be used. This accounts for so many of the blue-black impressions but now and then a good clear blue impression is found showing that blue had been used continuously or that the stamp had been recently cleaned.

In Christiania for local By-post and for Christiania-Charlottenberg mail a red dater was used. The writer has these on covers of the second issue from which the Figure 8 is taken but has never seen one on this first issue. Copies are said to exist, however, but are no doubt extremely scarce.

The three postmarks above mentioned are all that were officially recognized by the Department of the Interior but oddities are known and are much prized by specialists. Figure 9 shows a particularly interesting one of the lion in reverse. The illustration was made from a re-inked photograph, as the original is in blue and not as distinct as here shown. The only other oddity actually seen by the writer was a crown also in blue. If others are known the writer would be glad to hear of them.

(To Be Continued.)

THE AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH ISSUES.

To the young collector—and to the medium collector—desirous of specializing, the issues of the Australian Commonwealth are to be recommended. The stamps are at present cheap and plentiful, and almost any dealer will quote by the 100 or 1,000 for most values.

Purchase a few hundreds of the lower values and go through them thoroughly, and you will be able to fill a page with each value easily, and they will be all different and interesting. Perhaps because they are common you choose to pass them by—I believe you will regret it some day.

Just rake out those old envelopes and remove the stamps. Sit down tonight with them in front of you, and a magnifying glass in your hand. Look at a few of them, and look long—and well. Innumerable varieties and errors will show up under the glass. The stamps will take on a more pleasing appearance, you will become interested, astonished, enthusiastic, and finally you will get out your blank album and commence your specialized collection right away, resolving that on the morrow you will mail an order to your dealer, for a supply of Commonwealth stamps in bulk.

Will you journey with me on a tour of inspection through these stamps? You will, I hope, find it an interesting, amusing, and instructive tour, and one that will help you along with your specialized collection.

Let us go right away back to 1913—to the first issues of the Kangaroo stamps—to the halfpenny and the penny values. Look at the design first. Is it not rather neat? Neither ugly nor plain—nor beautiful, nor elaborate in design. The kangaroo—the country's mascot—on the map of Australia, and a White Australia—a White Australia, the great ideal, a hint to all those nations enviously looking at the great empty spaces in this silent land spaces which we hope to people with men and women and children of the white races. But I digress.

In the halfpenny there are—to my knowledge—four varieties of paper, three different thicknesses and a yellowish paper varying in depth of color tinted paper throughout. This is not due to the gum, although the gum is usually yellow. The only variety I have found, among the few that have come my way, is a good specimen, pin-perforated all around, probably one of a bottom sheet touched lightly with blunt needles. (More probably a double perf.—Ed.)

Turning to the penny, we come to a more interesting stamp, with more varieties. We have here five different papers, the same four as in the halfpenny and a semi-transparent paper, the design of the stamp showing distinctly from the back. This semi-transparent paper and the yellow paper are both very scarce. The first I have only found in the penny; the second, in most values.

The official service stamps come with the two kinds of O. S.—the large and the small, but to make a special collection of Official Service stamps on similar lines to the normal would entail a good deal more expense and, I believe, make the task of collecting rather monotonous, in having a similar collection to the normal except for the O. S. My method is to place three shades of the stamp in each kind of paper—and the shades are deep, medium and light—and one stamp of each O. S.

Turning to the varieties we have first of all the inverted wmk., then inverted wmk. and pin-perf., then pin-perf. itself. Next is a rather good variety,

the broken "I" in Australia, broken at the foot, on the left side, a distinct variety in itself. Then comes another variety, with the two top lines of the background joined together above "AL" in Australia. Following that, a rather common variety, with a line of the background missing above "ONE PENNY." This may be found with the line varying in length, from a faint break over the "Y" to the omitted line. Next is another common variety, with the line above "ONE PENNY" broken and the line below broken. Then comes another scarce variety, a white line in "ONE," cutting across the back of the upper stroke of the "E" and breaking the shading of the right-hand side of the "N."

Following that comes a blurred "R" in Australia, the upper circle of the "R" being filled with colour, and, minute as the inner shading is, I have only found one such variety in about a thousand of this value.

Finally, there is a broken "S" and last "A" in Australia, the "S" broken at the top and the "A" broken at the foot.

Blocks and strips are, of course, of interest to specialists, and I recommend the plan of making up sets in pairs, strips of three, blocks of four, etc., allotting separate pages for each.—"Australian Stamp Journal."

A STAMP HERESY.

Magna est veritas et prevalebit; to which we suppose the necessary corollary is that there is no new heresy. From time to time we find questions being raised which we thought had been settled for all time, just as most "new" religions are based on age-old fallacy. The world of stamps is no exception to the general rule, although we have been startled lately to find three well-known stampists—dealer, auctioneer and collector—tilting at one another in a contemporary, and all about "cut square" unadhesives. All the old points were raised again; one's right to do as one likes, the bulk of entries, the difficulty of envelopes stamped to order, and so forth. We confess to being shocked to find that two out of the three protagonists favored the collection of those cut-out abominations, although we are glad to note that all three of them lamented the state of neglect into which entires have fallen. With so very little of the speculative about them, fakes largely non-existent, forgeries more so, and prices almost always nominal, it is a world of pities that so important a branch of philatelic study and postal history is being left alone. How this is to be cured by encouraging the mutilation of envelopes, wrappers, and postcards we do not comprehend. Inscriptions will be cut into, and borders left out of consideration. Nor is it in any wise necessary to collect every size of envelope or color of paper upon which an impressed envelope stamp may be found. Once it is known which countries permit the public to take their own envelopes in bulk to the stamping office to be stamped, then, so far as those countries' envelopes are concerned, the difference in the envelope itself ceases to be official or collectable.

The fashion has set in to collect adhesives postage stamps; in such a collection entires, whether mutilated or not, have no place. As for collecting mutilated or damaged copies of the entires, we advise our readers to have nothing to do with them. In our view there is no difference in principle between them and cut perforations. So far as the "right" to collect such things is concerned there can be no question but their value when got together is another matter.—Bazaar, Exchange and Mart.

SLOGAN CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

The slogan, used by many offices, REGISTER OR INSURE VALUABLE MAIL, in live straight lines, now appears in a new design. It is now in four lines, the first and fourth ones curved.

Chicago, Ill., in three lines: NATIONAL POULTRY SHOW UNION STOCK YARDS JAN. 17-23.

Hartford, Conn., in four lines: CONNECTICUT WINTER EXPOSITION JAN. 23-27, HARTFORD.

Honolulu, Hawaii, in three lines: VISIT HAWAII NATIONAL PARK OPEN ALL YEAR.

Stockton, Calif., in three lines: VISIT YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK OPEN ALL YEAR.

Spokane, Wash., in four lines: MAKE 50,000 FARM HOMES IRRIGATE COLUMBIA BASIN.

Saint Augustine, Fla., in four lines: LANDING OF PONCE DE LEON, ST. AUGUSTINE, FLA., APR. 4-6, 1923.

I have noticed the following from Canada.

Prince Rupert, B. C., in three lines: USE POSTAL NOTES GOOD AT 10,000 PLACES IN CANADA.

Toronto, Ont., in four lines: MAIL YOUR CHRISTMAS PARCELS EARLY.

Same office, in three lines: PLACE STAMP IN UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER.

Vancouver, B. C., in three lines: INSURE YOUR PARCELS AT THE POST OFFICE.

Winnipeg, Man., in four lines: AUTO & RADIO EQUIPMENT SHOW—WINNIPEG FEB. 5-10, 1923.

A slogan, rather old, but not mentioned here before, has just come to my notice. It is from London, England, and reads, in five lines: VISIT THE BRITISH INDUSTRIES FAIR 1922, FEB. 27—MCH. 10.

Boston, Mass., in 6 lines: PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MARCH 19-24, 1923.

Hartford, Conn., in 3 lines: TRINITY COLLEGE CENTENNIAL 1823-1923.

Medicine Hat, Alta., Canada, in 3 lines: GIVE YOUR CHANGE OF ADDRESS TO THE POSTMASTER.

Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in 3 lines: STAMPED ENVELOPES SAVE TIME AND MONEY.

Hartford, Conn., in 4 lines: BETTER HOMES EXPOSITION APRIL 2-11 HARTFORD.

Torrington, Conn., in 3 lines: HAVE YOUR MAIL ADDRESSED TO STREET AND NUMBER.

Lethbridge, Alta., Canada, in 4 lines: REGISTER ALL LETTERS OF VALUE.

My description of the New York City cancellation in the last issue of the "West" is incomplete. The cancellation is in itself a puzzle game, something like "pigs in clover," in that three of the lines overlap the letters I L and half of the K in the word SILK. The legend, then, is: INTERNATIONAL SILK EXPOSITION, etc.

Georgetown, Texas, in two lines: 1873 GOLDEN JUBILEE 1923 SOUTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY.

THE OBSERVER.—By Ned H. Starbird, Cherry Valley, Mass.

The N. Y. Times has a philatelic article by Mr. Gardner Teall, "Poets and Postage Stamps." Thirty-one different stamp cuts are used in illustrating it. Attention is called to the three special stamps issued last year by Italy commemorating the six hundredth anniversary of Dante Alighieri. In describing these stamps the author writes, "When the divine poet wrote and posted his letter to the Florentines that March day some six hundred and eleven years ago, a letter whose salutation ran thus: "Dante Alaghieri, a Florentine and undeservedly in exile to the most wicked Florentines within the city," he little dreamed of postage stamps for which the world was to wait some five hundred and twenty-nine years. Dante—could never have guessed that some day the descendants of those "most wicked Florentines within the city" would be posting letters to their friends without the walls ranked with Messer Dante's portrait."

Among other issues noted are the set of ten stamps brought out in 1905 by Spain, each stamp depicting an incident from the immortal "Don Quixote" of Miguel de Cervantes, in commemoration of the three hundredth anniversary of the first edition of the book.

Portugal is spoken of as honoring her national poet, Luis Vaz de Camoens with a miniature portrait placed on the 50 reis Vasco da Gama Portuguese and Portuguese Africa stamps of 1898, commemorating the fourth centenary of Vasco da Gama's discovery of the route to India, celebrated by Camoens in his "Lusidas."

Other stamps quoted are a set issued by Bulgaria on the 70th anniversary of the Great Bulgarian Poet, Ivan Vassoff; the set issued by Bulgaria in honor of the memory of James David Bouchier, the war correspondent; the set of Austrian stamps showing the composers Haydn, Mozart, Beethoven, Schubert, Bruckner, Strauss and Wolf, which by the way have no names attached to the stamps, making them eligible as the author says, "to a game of authors."

Mention is made of Montenegro's stamp of 1893, commemorating the 400th anniversary of printing; the 1908 stamps of Japan with the portrait of the Empress, poetess Jingo; Rumania's stamps with pictures of the late Queen Elizabeth, known the world over as Carmen Sylvia; Cuba's stamp celebrating the centenary of the birth of Gertrude Gomez de Avellaneda, poetess, playwright and novelist, who died at Seville in 1873.

Newfoundland is spoken of as showing Francis Bacon with the incorrect title of "Lord Bacon." It should be "Lord Verulam."

Poland portrayed Paderewski, while several of our own stamps are spoken of as showing several author statesmen, as Franklin, Jefferson, Lincoln and now on our latest issue comes Roosevelt.

The article is well written and very historical.

To our readers that are interested in coins, it might be interesting to note that on January 30, the German mark reached its lowest level ever recorded on New York or London exchanges. On that day one dollar would buy 50,000 marks.

Announcement was made a short time ago of an unusual collection of Confederate stamps owned for many years by a Baltimore collector and just purchased by a New York City company. The collection contains more than 500 stamps and is valued at \$10,000. Several scarcities such as the

5 cent blue issue of 1862, bearing Jefferson Davis' portrait and printed on both sides, also the 20 cent stamp of 1863, cut diagonally in half to pay 10 cent postage.

Speaking of Benjamin Franklin as the originator of the present postal system, it is well to look over his connections with the post office department. In the latest issue of United States stamps the government honored him as usual by issuing the one-cent on January 17th, that being the anniversary of his birthday. Probably nobody could give any better account of Franklin's history in the post office than former Postmaster General Work.

REVENUES NEWS, OR NEARLY SO.—By Oscar T. Hartmann.

Roumania has a new set of large size revenues. I have seen the 25, 50 bani, 1 leu.

Italy a centisimi 65 on a 50 c. 1905-11.

Bulgaria the values of 20 and 30 stotinki. Design similar to the earlier issues but somewhat larger.

Mechlenburg, wmh serie of 1908 all lower values up to 1 Mh have been discontinued in 1922. A provisional issue of a surcharge of the date 1922 on the values of 5, 10 and 20 Mh appeared and is scarce. To the regular values dated 1922, a new value of 50 M. has been added to the regular values of 5, 10, 20 and 30 Mh. These 4 values have been in use with year date changed each year; have been issued for over forty years. Almost impossible to get them.

An unknown value of 6 M (Waybill) German, came into my hands. On information, all way bill stamps were discontinued in 1920.

The same with all railroad stamps and many of the local or private roads exist, and some of the values not easy to acquire. Most of government roads are easy to get. Higher values from 5 M up are contrary so. The wkm are a good deal more common than the unwafermarked.

During the plebicit in Upper Silesia the values of 1, 1½, 2, 3, and 4 mh were used with the surcharge C. G. H. S., 2 types and read up or down.

Austria has discontinued to print the revenue stamps of 1920 on bandrush (onion skin paper) and prints them now on a soft white paper, and the 1, 5, 10 kronen exist at present. The lower values of 20, 40, 50 heller were always on the new paper.

Poland is like Honduras. A flood of postage stamps, but slow on revenue stamps. At present I can only account of three issues. The first, 10, 16, 20, 34, 40 hel, 1 rubel come imperf. and are the lower values, a narrow stamp. The rubel values almost square. The 4 rubel comes perf. The second issue comes perf. and imperf. for many values. The 10, 20, 50 fenigow are blue and the mk values, 1, 3, 4, 5, 20 and 50 mk brown. The third issue has the Polish eagle in a medallion in center and values are: 1, 5, 10, 20 single color, 50, 100, 200 mk. in two colors. The 10 f. brown, first issue comes with a surcharge, Z. Z. W.; cannot tell at present what it stands for.

The 1 annapa of Servia issue comes with the surcharge; Kraljevina, Srba, Hrvatu, i Slovenaces in 3 lines.

Estland got the values of 10, 50 penni 1, 3, 10, 20, 50 mk. Several values of the German stamps were surcharged for Estland, Ob-Ost. Verw and for Genr. Riga.

COLLECTING.—By Geppert Marsh.

The collective instinct is inherent in every person but is more strongly developed in some than in others. Every boy has collected something in his life, the majority have collected postage stamps as they are easy to obtain, easy to save and make a very interesting educational hobby.

Very seldom does a boy collect a number of different articles and save them during his life, but when we do find a man who has saved different objects from his boyhood days we are sure to find a veritable gold mine in odd curios. Such is the case of William Gillespie of Middletown, Ohio.

He has a room that is a small museum, because he has all his curiosities here. The chief attraction of this room, particularly to stamp collectors, are the walls and ceiling which are papered with postage stamps. The stamps are all cancelled U. S. stamps and number about 82,000 according to Mr. Gillespie, who cannot be far wrong, since he put them there. There are no foreign varieties in the work. Mr. Gillespie began papering the room February 18, 1893. It took him about a year and a half to complete the job, and he has formulated a block design by using different denominations of different colors. Two lines were drawn during the process and those were on the ceiling in order that he might find the center of the ceiling. In the center of the ceiling for about three feet square are a number of 1893 Columbian issue, both 1c and 2c. On the outside of this large square is a checker board design made by the 1c and 2c Columbian Centennial issue of 1893. On the walls are mostly 2c red with a border of 1c green. A narrow strip runs around the wall about three feet from the floor of the 1c green oval envelope stamps. The stamps are all shelacked and owing to age and accumulated dust the stamps are very indistinct.

Mr. Gillespie's first intention of papering his room came to him when he was reading a newspaper about an Englishman who had bought up quite a few unused stamps and had hired a French artist to paper his room with them. This would naturally cost a considerable sum of money but Mr. Gillespie overcame that obstacle by deciding to use nothing but used stamps. One day while in the "Room" he happened to have a stamp in his hand which he stuck on the wall, just to see how it would look. One stamp did not make much of an impression to him so he rummaged around the house until he had found enough stamps to form a good sized square on the wall and he was so much impressed with the idea of papering the whole room that he immediately set to work earnestly towards that end.

Through the help of numerous friends Mr. Gillespie was able to obtain many stamps. Many people said he would never accomplish the task, but he persevered and in time finished his arduous task, although he did wear his finger nails down to the quick by pressing the stamps in position. He is quite proud of the fact that it did not cost him a cent to do this work as he sold stamps to collectors and dealers to pay for the glue and shelac that he used.

In his search for stamps Mr. Gillespie has found many other curios which he has carefully saved. In many cases the stamps he obtained he tore from letters in which he oftentimes found queer documents. He once found an old collection of stamps among other interesting things which he found in the waste material thrown off by the paper mills. The paper mills of Middletown have afforded him many interesting things. Naturally resulting from his hunt for stamps to finish the "room" he has many duplicates which are very interesting to look through.

PAPER TAKES PRIZE CUP IN GREAT BRITAIN.

Part of paper that took prize cup at Bath at Ninth Philatelic Congress of Great Britain: We should endeavor to interest our young friends in our hobby, and (ii) certain "don'ts" which we should keep well in mind when dealing with the coming generation of philatelists.

Some of the excellent reasons above referred to are:—

1. Its real Value as a Hobby.—The man without a hobby misses much and we pity him. Now I think it is admitted that philately is not only the hobby of Kings, but is also the King of hobbies. It would be idle to attempt to argue the point to such an audience, but I can personally testify to the great pleasure and real recreation that it affords me.

2. Its Educational Value.—This, again, is now readily admitted, and, so far as history and geography in particular are concerned, stamp collecting is very helpful to young people.

3. Its Value in Cultivating the Faculty of keen Observation.—Everyone here can testify as to this, and anyone who has been interested in a number of young people who collect stamps cannot but have been astonished at the manner in which the observing powers of many of them have been developed.

4. Its Value in the Direction of Good Fellowship. Anyone who is a member of a good philatelic society, or who has had the good fortune to attend one of these admirably arranged Congresses, will at once endorse this opinion. Further, many of us have found that the link of stamp collecting has opened up to us many pleasant companionships and not a few real and lasting friendships.

5. Dont Withhold Advice.—I hesitated at first to put this down, as I feel sure that no one in the audience would do this intentionally; but, on thinking the point over, it occurred to me that there might be circumstances under which it might be done unintentionally. Surely the very ethics of philately require that, if we have information of value, we should pass the "good news" on, and, conversely, that we should, whenever possible, point out the "rocks" to be avoided.

6. Don't make Gifts of "throw-outs" i.e. damaged, badly soiled, or heavily postmarked Copies.—I fear that there are many sinners in this respect—"sinners" simply because we very often in this way unconsciously give the young collector a wrong idea as to what is good and proper. It appears to me to be much better to destroy a damaged stamp, unless it is really a valuable one, than to pass it on. It is most disappointing to a young collector to suddenly find out that what he thought was a reasonably good stamp is worthless because (i) the perforations down one side are missing, or (ii) it has been cut to shape, or (iii) it is hopelessly thinned, or (iv) it is dirty or stained or crumpled beyond redemption, or (v) it is so heavily cancelled that in place of being a stamp, it would more correctly be described as a good specimen of a very heavy postmark. In this connection I will tell you a story about a young friend of mine who was seven or eight years of age when the following incident happened:—He was away from home, and the lady of the house at which he was staying learned that he had started to collect stamps. The dear old soul—she was nearly ninety years of age—said she would look up some letters with "Swan" stamps on them. Next day, to the great delight of the little boy, a then current low value Western Australia stamp was given to him. The day following he was handed another piece of original with two low valued

stamps on it. He was justly delighted, and took his treasure into a corner of the room to have a good look at it. His face clouded, and after a moment or two he edged his way to the side of the old lady, and to her astonishment said: "Thank you, I don't want these stamps; they are not good enough copies for my collection. One of them is all postmark and the other one is torn."

HISTORY IN STAMPS.

The history of the past year finds interesting illustration in the issue of certain postage stamps which have caused keen interest in philatelic circles. Several notable events are thus recorded. For instance, the establishment of a Provisional Government in the Irish Free State was marked by the over-printing of the present British series with the Gaelic inscription, "Rialtas Scaladach ná h Eireann, 1922," on February 17. This unprecedented conversion of the British postal issue to the uses of another State was the subject of considerable comment. The opening of the first Maltese Parliament, the Independence of Egypt, and the great Industrial Fair at Singapore were all recorded with special issues or overprints. St. Helena, Tanganyika, Kenya, and Uganda are all new names upon the roll of Possessions of the Crown which issue their own postage stamps. The total number of new varieties issued during the year was 1,825, a marked increase upon the 1,275 of 1921. Austria heads the list with sixty-eight new stamps. Problems of exchange make postage rates a difficult matter in Austria, and many letters written from Vienna are so smothered in stamps that the address is difficult to decipher.—London Times.

GETTING AT THE BOYS AND GIRLS.

The Aberdeen Society is one of the few that appear to have discovered the secret of how to get at and hold the interest of the junior—many others have tried to form sections for the young collector, but whether it is that they are either too patronising or too ponderous, they don't seem to find favor with the boys and girls. Mr. Fraser tells us he has a membership of forty in his junior section at Aberdeen, and we are glad of it, for with Philately spreading its roots firmly in the Aberdonian soil, our science is well on the way to flourish for ever. "Exhibition of Stamps by members of the Junior Section" of the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Philatelic Society was held in Y. M. C. A. building, Aberdeen. Mr. John Fraser, who is superintendent of the junior section of this progressive society, tells me that the exhibition is to be entirely the work of the Junior members and all exhibits come from their own collections. "By what we can see," says he, "it is going to be a great success."—Fortnightly.

REPRINTING OF OBSOLETE STAMPS AROUSES COLLECTORS.

Vienna, Jan. 12.—(By Mail.)—The comparatively few possessors of certain rare specimens of Austrian stamp issues, long since withdrawn from circulation awakened the other morning to find the postal administration had, in its zeal to swell the revenue of the department, caused these obsolete specimens to be reprinted and disposed of to postage stamp vendors.

The result has been a flood of angry letters to the press, backed up by the energetic protest of the philatelic society. The postmaster, however, has not been deterred, and he is flooding the market with more resuscitated old issues.

WAR CENSOR AND CANCELLATION MARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird.

(This is the third article under this heading and has to do with the censor marks, stickers, and military post marks of English and Canadian troops during the war. The writer does not consider it complete, and would appreciate it for the benefit of compiling a check list at a later date, if any person would send to him at his home address, any omissions, corrections or types not described. Please mail such communications to Mr. Ned H. Starbird, Box 175, Cherry Valley, Mass.)

Probably without a doubt the first envelopes that came into this country with any reference to the world war came from British troops in France. This of course is open to discussion, but for the purpose of opening this article, we will take England and Canada first. One of the early cancellations in my collection of envelopes from British troops in France is dated February 27, 1915. The cancellation is similar to the regular city or town cancellation such as is used in England at the present time. It is circular with two sets of lines forming a border, reading from left to right, "Base Army Post Office," with number "1" at the bottom, and the date in the center of the circle. A square rubber stamped impression in red ink reads, "Passed by" on the first line, a crown below, "No. 2," on the third line and the word "Censor" on the fourth. On account of its being passed by "Censor No. 2," it must have been mailed when the British army was in its infancy. A French postmark was placed on the card, but everything but the date "Feb. 23" was scratched off. Another rubber stamped impression with the words, "Improperly Posted Delayed" in three lines, shows why there was a difference of four days in the dates. Another envelope bears the same type of cancellation, with the exception of number "2" instead of number "1." This also bears a censor stamp in red ink but it is triangular shape. The word "Passed" at the left, "By" in the peak of the triangle, and "Censor" at the right. The "crown" is in the center, and the "No. 982" at the base. It is interesting to note that even if the cancellation of No. 2 is dated April 26, 1915, only about two months later than No. 1, there were 980 more censors in the British army than two months previous.

Another cancellation used by the British was the "Field Post Office." This was circular and was like the previous cancellation described except that the word "Field" was substituted for "Army Base." The numbers at bottom of the cancellation vary, and I have the following, Nos. 6, 4W, T35, 21K, 20, 26, 99, T.X, C.X.1, and D.C.1. These numbers probably representing different post offices. I also have a registered letter from a "Field Post Office." It bears in addition to the regular field stamp, a stamp that reads, "Registered" with date, and time, and the initials "W. D. O." A censored stamp is on it in the shape of a hexagon, and is different from the previous censor marks explained. The word "Passed" reading perpendicular, is at the left, the word "Field" is at the top, the word "Censor" at the right, running perpendicular. In the center is the "crown" and underneath this the number "861." A border of hexagon shape completes it. Two other types of censor marks appear on these covers. One being oval shaped, reading from left to right "Passed Field Censor," with the "crown" in the center and the number below. The other is rectangular shaped, the "crown" appearing at the top, and "Passed by Censor No. 1775" appearing one word on a line underneath each other.

I have written about the "Base Army" and "Field" post office cancella-

tions. Now I will mention another, very similar. It simply reads "Army Post Office," circular shaped with the number or letter at the bottom. I have several of these each bearing different numbers, showing that the covers came from different units of the army.

There were, of course, many military camps in Great Britain where they were training new recruits. I have four cancellations from such camps, and are as follows: Bramshott Camp, B. O.; Sandling Camp, Shorncliff; Shoreham Camp, Sussex; A. I. F. Camp, P. O.

Two camp cancellations from Canada are very interesting. They are circular, measuring 1½ inches in diameter, this being 1-16 more than the British size. There is only one line about the entire circle, against two of the British. The wording reads at top from left to right, "Field Post Office" The words "Canada Militia," are directly below, the letter "C" starting under the letter "F" of Field, and the last letter "A" of militia, ending under "E" of the word office. The date is in the center. At the bottom are the names of the camps, "Valcartier Camp P. O." on one and "Niagara Camp, Ont." on the other. This camp was located at Niagara on the Lake, and was created to train Polish troops for service at the front, after Russia went to pieces.

Another type of cancellation used was circular with only one line around it, such as we see on our envelopes today. It read "Army Post Office," with the date set in two lines as follows, 30 Dec. with 14 underneath. The number of the post office "18" was at the bottom of the circle. This type was probably the first adopted in France as the postmark is only four months later than when the war started.

I have in my collection three covers from ships of the British Navy. They do not put the name of the ship on the envelope such as our navy does, but instead have a circular cancellation, with horizontal lines running across the entire circle about ⅛ of an inch apart. One cover has stamped across it in ¼ inch letters, "PASSED CENSOR." Another has "Censored" measuring about 2½ inches long, enclosed by a border making it horizontal shaped. The third has no cancellation at all but where it is ordinarily stamped, the sailor wrote "Stamps Not Available." In blue ink is rubber stamped RECEIVED FROM H. M. SHIPS. NO CHARGE TO BE RAISED.

One envelope addressed to No. 551, Trooper R. D. Dewar, 1-3rd Scottish Horse, Mediterranean Exped. Force, has a rubber stamped phrase on it in ¼ inch type reading, "PRESENT LOCATION UNCERTAIN." Also the word "Wounded, W. R." in pencil, evidently placed there by some one in authority. A similar letter addressed to a "Driver F. Marsh," in a military hospital has the same phrase stamped on it, only the type being much larger.

Four envelopes from Canadian soldiers in camps in England have some interesting marks on them. One cancellation reads, "Bramshott Camp—Petersfield." A rubber stamp almost oval shaped reads, "15th Canadian Res. Battalion and the words "Orderly Room" in the center. This envelope was opened and a white label 3½ inches by 2¼ with the words "Opened by Censor" "3781" was pasted over the end opened. The words "Opened by Censor" being printed in 3-8 inch black type. This showed that number 3781 censor opened it and then resealed it. Another envelope with a large-sized oval shaped rubber stamp reads "Orderly Room" at top, "Can. School of Gunnery" at the bottom and the date in the center.

(To Be Continued.)

STAMP COLLECTION FOR ST. DUNSTAN'S.

"Their Sight for Us—Our Stamps for Them!"

A suggestion has been made to the authorities of St. Dunstan's that by enlisting the co-operation and contributions of collectors everywhere, it would be possible to form a splendidly representative collection of British Empire stamps, which would in the open market command a price which would raise a very substantial sum for the funds for this noble work. Already, although the scheme has as yet hardly been started, some valuable contributions in collections and individual stamps have been received at St. Dunstan's Offices, 155 Regent Street., W. 1., London, Eng., and we have little doubt this example will be widely followed.

Collectors are asked to send to St. Dunstan's any of the best specimens of British Empire stamps they can, and to ask all their collector friends to do the same. Every stamp sent will come under the personal and expert scrutiny of Mr. Alexander J. Sefi, who has undertaken to act as Honorary Adviser and Collator in the formation of the collection.

GERMAN G. P. O. ENCOURAGES POSTMARK COLLECTING.

For the collector of advertisement, propaganda and other occasional postmarks, it has hitherto been no easy matter to bring together the objects required for his collection. Some of these postmarks were in use a few days only, it was often extremely difficult or even impossible to obtain them afterwards, for by the time the report had appeared, the postmark was already "obsolete."

In order to encourage postmark collecting the German postoffice has experimentally undertaken to supply collectors direct with postmarks.

The place (town and postoffice) and time of using the postmark are published officially beforehand. The collector franks the letters or postcards he wishes to have cancelled, addresses them to himself and sends them under cover to the post office in question with a small fee. The postoffice cancels the letters as desired and returns them to the sender.

PHILATELIC NOTES.

The Galveston society members attended the meeting of the newly formed Houston (Texas) Philatelic held early in February. These visits interchanged occasionally have much to do with the upbuilding of interest in the hobby.

Many collectors will find it real easy to get little news items of meetings of their local clubs, or interesting items on stamps in the columns of their daily papers. Try your luck along publicity.

Mr. W. W. MacLaren of Cleveland, Ohio, one of the vice presidents of the American Philatelic Society recently paid a visit to the local society at Cincinnati. He carried with him several volumes of his wonderful U. S. collection.

Winnipeg Philatelist says: Members were treated to a very interesting talk by Mr. H. S. Seaman whose subject was "From Wampum to King's Gold" and we were taken by stages from the earliest method of exchange to present currency. A magnificent exhibition of wampum, flint and arrowheads, early coins, etc., served to illustrate this very interesting and educational address which was much enjoyed by all present.

STAMP COLLECTING WORLD WIDE.

Stamp collecting has a romantic interest now a days. It is not confined to one single nation or country but extended throughout the whole civilized world. Kings, Princes, and Emperors have taken to this even in the early days, on which account it is called the 'Royal Hobby'. It is an ideal hobby too and the king of all hobbies

Interpretations are coming in to class this as an art and as a science. In what ever way it might be classed it has a real educational value. Carrying an immense store of historical knowledge with it, it affects the study of other subjects besides. Longfellow once wrote of the owner of a library "He has his Rome, his Florence, his whole glowing Italy within the four walls of his library. He has in his books the ruins of an antique world and the glories of a modern one," and the same may be said of the stamp collector in reference to his collection. In the stamp album are depicted the representations of the best specimens of architecture and sculpture, and the best portraiture of Kings and Emperors. The whole geography is there with the names of countries, coinage, and specimens of language. The social and political movements too are signified on them as passing events are often commemorated through these also.

Besides, it has an Aesthetical value. It trains one to the love of order and symmetry and to the keenness of observation, to detect slight differences of color and design. It promotes as well a thriftiness in man to cut short all expenses on frivolities and entertainments to be diverted on the stamp album. Whatever spent on it is not ill spent but well-spent, as it will surely fetch one day several times.

Indolence too has to fly away from it, for it keeps one constantly engaged during leisure hours, without being idly spent. It is hard to find a keen philatelist idle or extravagant. Studiousness will be the chief characteristic feature.

It is an investment also at the same time. As days progress, the collection increases, and the old stamps become scarce, and hence rise in value. By the time one retires from active life, a huge collection must have been formed, some thirty or forty years old, and these can really fetch a good sum. The actual sum that is spent on it will be absolutely nothing when compared with what it fetches later on.

Such are the advantages that Stamp-collecting carries with it at no expense at all, and it is wonder why it has not been taken so widely in the East.—Eastern Philatelic Journal.

The San Francisco Stamp Society is a fast growing society organized in 1915 and now have a membership roll of 100 members and have opened a permanent clubroom at 329 Call Building, 79 New Montgomery Street, which is open to members and friends at all hours. Here they hold monthly meetings on the first Monday of each month with an executive committee meeting the third Monday in the month.

They hold exhibits of stamps, auction sales and altogether have some very successful and enjoyable meetings.

Their officers for the present year are: President, A. H. Wilhelm; vice president, W. G. Wilson; secretary-treasurer, Donald Piercy; librarian, C. B. Turrill; auction, sales and exchange manager, H. J. Seiler; executive committee, E. B. McPherson, C. B. Turrill, and C. W. Arp who handle all the business end of the society.

AMERICA AND THE EXHIBITION.

With the turn of the year there came a sense of nearness of the coming events of May, and this was strengthened by the quickening interest aroused by the news (imparted to a crowded meeting of the J. P. S. on Saturday, January 6th) that the Collectors' Club of New York had gathered in no less than \$2,820 as exhibition donations at their annual dinner. The list was headed with the munificent gift of \$500 from a New York stamp and coin company. No fewer than ten prominent U. S. philatelists gave \$100 each, nine \$50 each, and in all fifty-two of those present at the dinner helped to swell the fine total.

SEE SOMETHING YOUR COLLECTOR NEIGHBOR WANTS?

Perhaps you will notice articles offered for exchange or for sale in this issue that you may not care for yourself, but you know that a friend or neighbor of yours is looking for just such an article.—Tell them about it. Show them our magazine, and explain to them how they may exchange something they no longer care for, and receive something they can use in return. If you see something that you want yourself, but you don't happen to have what the advertiser wants, write him anyway. Perhaps he can use what you have to offer, and you can make a "swap" after all.

THE CALL TO AMERICANS.

This is a most welcome and generous tribute from America to the enterprise and initiative of the Junior Philatelic Society; it is no less a convincing token of the eminence which the Collectors' Club has attained in the world of organized philately. America has shown a fine spirit in this matter, and it leads us to press even more strongly our claim upon the co-operation of U. S. philatelists in sending exhibits, and in re-inforcing our invitation to them to come over and share with us in the fruition of our combined labors. Stamp Fortnightly.

OBSERVING THEIR 33RD ANNIVERSARY.

In a manner befitting the size of their business the Marks Stamp Company of Toronto, just issued a 140-page wholesale and retail catalogue—No. 72.

In this catalogue stamps are offered singly and wholesale this covering 90 pages whereas 50 additional pages are devoted entirely to Packets, Mixtures, Combinations, Accessories, etc., etc., making the catalogue a veritable index of one of the most extensive stamp stocks in America.

Throughout November, December and January a "child welfare charity stamp" series is on sale at post offices in Jamaica, in values of ½-penny green, 1-penny carmine and 2½-pence blue. The head of a native child is the central design, and the inscription "Child Welfare" appears at the lower edge of each stamp. The stamps sell at a halfpenny apiece more than the face value. The extra revenue thus obtained is devoted to improving the condition of the children of the island. It is said that Jamaica plans to issue a special set of this character about Christmas time every year.

Never before has Philately in general had such an opportunity for publicity, and talk of the number of collectors today is in hundreds of thousands whereas tens of thousands sufficed a decade ago.



BOILED DOWN

. ORIGINAL OR OTHERWISE

You can only get enjoyment in collecting stamps if you do so purely and simply as a hobby, and not with a view to selling when you think the market is good. Leave the selling of your collection to those left on this earth after you have left it; they will not trouble about catalogue values. I hope some one better educated than myself will take the cudgels up on behalf of our hobby.

Collecting stamps without a stamp paper is like collecting without a catalogue.

Rare postage stamps valued at more than \$125,000 were once discovered on old letters in the garret of a house in Philadelphia.

Do you want results from your advertising? Then use a medium with a paid circulation. Every person on our subscription list has paid cash in advance and many for 25 years.

Never look a gift stamp through the perforation holes.

Yesterday has gone; tomorrow may never come; do it today. In other words, profit by the shortlived offers of our advertisers.

The queen of the Belgians has had prepared a special album containing a complete set of Belgian postage stamps, to be presented to Queen Helena of Italy, who is an ardent philatelist and possesses a magnificent collection.

Go at stamp collecting moderately; do not put all your money in at once, you will like the hobby better.

Stamp collecting is an investment; it yields you rich returns in history, geography and personal pleasure; so it can truly be called the "King of Hobbies."

Benzine will completely shift the colors of the current German stamps in the numerical type. Do not use it on them unless you are ready to part with them.

The stamp dealer who is wedded to the theory of quality rather than quantity, is always sure of a market for his wares.

When a man tries to get a stamp collection for nothing, he succeeds in acquiring experience.

When a coveted philatelic rarity is in sight, the heartstrings of the pronounced philatelist are keyed to such a tension that they all sound a high note.

This is the day of specialism in every pursuit or line of work of the collectors.

It is a wise philatelist who knows all his own stamps.

Collecting pairs and blocks of common used stamps will usually be found to provide a fascinating new sideline.

A little boy lost his precious stamp album and is nearly ill from grief. His father will pay \$10 reward and ask no questions. Mr. Loveland, Lincoln.



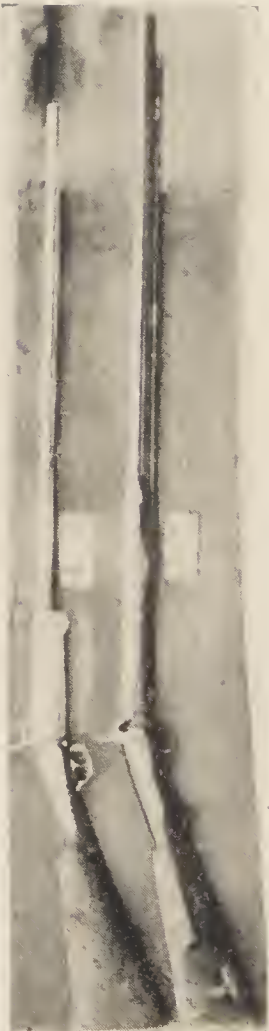
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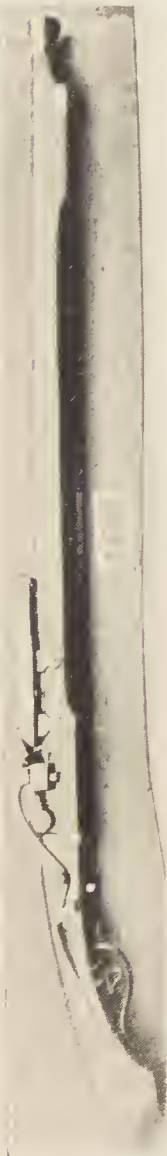
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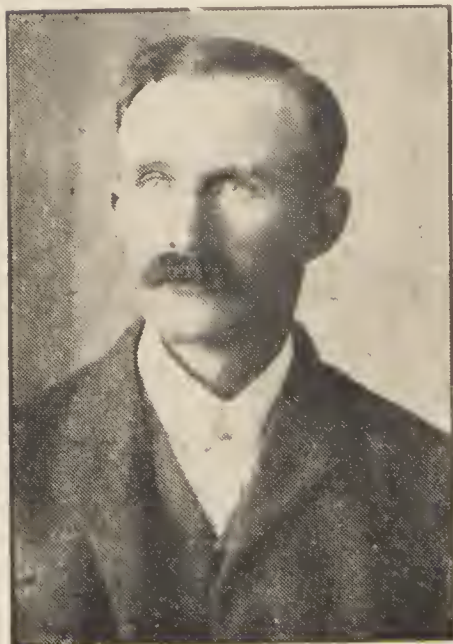
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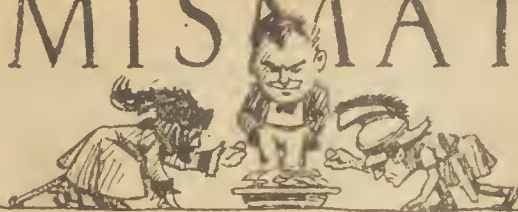


GEORGE O. MOON
Missouri Relic Collector.



Some of Mr. Moon's Indian Relics.
See His Ad.

NUMISMATICS



Of all antiquities coins are the smallest, yet, as a class, the most authoritatively in record, and the widest in range. No history is so unbroken as that which they tell; no geography so complete; no art so continuous in sequence; nor so broad in extent; no mythology so ample and so various. Unknown kings, lost towns, forgotten divinities, new schools of art, have here their authentic record.

Please send us notes and clippings on coins, coinage, currency, medals, etc. We will appreciate such a favor and give credit for all that is sent. In co-operating with us in this way you will help make the contents of our department more interesting. M. SORENSON, 405 E AVENUE WEST, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

Coining at the Philadelphia mint in 1922 totalled 14,033,000 pieces, of which 7,320,000 were silver dollars of the new design. Nearly half of the output was for Central and South American countries.

Carat derives its name from "qirrat," which in Arabic signifies the pod of the coral tree of Abyssinia, the seeds of which have from time immemorial been used in the east in weighing gold because they never vary in weight when they are dry.

The first bank note ever printed is preserved in a Vienna museum. It is Chinese and dates from the Tai Ming dynasty in the second half of the fourteenth century. Paper money did not make its appearance in Europe until 1401, at Barcelona, Spain. The ancient bank note of the Celestial empire bears on its face the inscription: "Note of the Tai Ming dynasty, valid everywhere under Heaven." On the back is the grim warning. "Whoever engraves or uses counterfeit money will be decapitated."

Millions and millions mean little nowadays in reckoning the affairs of the Russian soviet government, according to Finance Commissioner Sokolnikov. In a report to the Workmen's and Peasants' parliament he estimated that the soviet rubles in circulation amounted to 1,182 trillion. The average issue lately has been 200 trillion monthly.

The Russian money is worthless. It takes a billion and a half to buy a sack of flour, and a pound of butter costs a million. But the Austrian and German money is following close in its tracks. In some parts of Germany the circulating medium is not even recognized as money. Physicians demand grain, eggs, butter or bacon in payment for their services. The state of Oldenburg has established a new unit of value in rye, and is issuing "rye money." The barbers in Ochsenfurt, South Germany, recently advertised their new rates: Shaving, 2 eggs; hair cut, 4 eggs. And a woman in Hildesheim sold her house for a fat hog.

Gold as a commodity has been used as a medium of exchange from time immemorial. Its value for this purpose is due to a unique group of properties. It is malleable, ductile, non-corrosive, durable, easily divisible and its identity is perfect. The supply is limited, the demand for it is steady and its bulk is small in proportion to its value.

Money in the form of metallic coins probably superseded all other legal tenders. The first record of the coinage of silver was 869 B. C., and it was

made in Rome as early as 269 B. C. It was first coined in England in 1087. Croesus was the first sovereign to coin gold, and Julius Caesar first set the example of engraving his own image on coinage.

Seven years ago a young man in Fergus Falls, Minn., engraved his name on a silver dollar to see if it would ever return. He joined the army and lost his life in France. One day recently when his father had money changed in a meat market, he received the silver dollar his son had engraved his name upon.

Vermont was the first state to issue copper cents. In June, 1785, she granted the authority to Ruben Harmon, Jr., to make money for the state for two years. In October of the same year Connecticut granted the right to coin 10,000 pounds of copper cents, known as Connecticut cents of 1785. Massachusetts, in 1786, established a mint and coined \$60,000 in cents and half cents. In the same year New Jersey granted the right to coin \$10,000 at 15 coppers to the shilling.

The first mint established in Canada was at New Westminster, B. C., in 1862. It was only in operation a short time. The pioneer gold coins struck there are now so rare that they are worth several hundred times their face value.

For many years the coins for Canada were struck in England. The Canadian branch of the Royal Mint was opened at Ottawa on January 2, 1908, and the first gold coins struck for Canada were minted here during that and the following years; the denominations being 5 and 10 dollars.

While we have a great variety of the so-called Pioneer gold coins, struck by bankers, trading companies, mine owners, etc., in California and elsewhere, Australia had but little of that kind of money. The **Adelaide Assay** piece of 1852 was intended as a sovereign, but happened to weigh about 21 shillings 6 pence and was melted by the bullion dealers.

The Port Phillip sovereign, 1852 and 1853, and the Sydney sovereign and half-sovereign of 1855-56, which generally occur as proofs, are all scarce and command good prices. The primitive two, one, half, and quarter-ounce pieces issued at Port Phillip in 1853, are very hard to get now. On obverse is a kangaroo to right. Date below. The inscription is: **PORT PHILLIP—AUSTRALIA**. Reverse: Large numeral of value in field. These pieces are described as being struck in pure Australian gold.

At the United States mint at Philadelphia are made all the coinage dies and on the last day of each year all these dies are destroyed. A die that mints the one-cent piece costs as much as the one that turns out the \$20 gold pieces.

Each die is a round piece of steel three inches long, sloping at the top to the size of the coin it is to stamp, and each, of course, bearing a different design according to the coin it is to produce. But in one particular they are all alike—each must bear the same date, that of the current year.

On December 31 all these dies, from double eagles down to the smallest gold pieces, and from dollars to dimes in silver, as also those for nickels and cents, are taken to the mint blacksmith shop, and in the presence of the superintendent of the mint, the coiner and the assayer, are hammered out of shape, and all semblance of the stamp destroyed with sledges on an anvil.

New dies are then put into use bearing the date of the new year. Thus

no government coin can be stamped in the current year bearing the date of any previous year.

Recently a man was arrested in New York for displaying a roll of bills big enough to choke a cow. At the police station the roll was found to consist of 1,850,000 Russian rubles, 437,000 Polish kronen, 8,500 German marks, and it was figured out that the whole bale of currency was worth about 30 cents in U. S. coin.

OLD TRUNK REVEALS UNIQUE COLLECTION.—By Charles F. Stem.

Late in December 1857, H. S. Rumfield, general ticket agent of the Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark R. R. (now a property of the Baltimore & Ohio R. R.) gathered his Railroad Passes together and placed them in his trunk, little thinking that sixty-five years later they would be such a great curiosity, this same trunk was transferred to a barn for storage in 1872, and there it remained for fifty years unopened. Upon being opened by Charles F. Stem, Oswego, N. Y., grandson of the pioneer railroad man, it was found to contain this remarkable set of old passes, rare stamps on envelopes, letters and papers telling of happenings in the far west in the early days, letters signed by Brigham Young, the Mormon leader, framed paintings of the Mormon buildings taken in 1862, a piece of the Atlantic Cable presented by Cyrus W. Field in 1866, old books dated 1825 to 1850, old newspapers dated from 1839 to 1866.

This collection contains twenty-nine passes issued by that number of different railroads in 1857, all were found to be in a high state of preservation and show no sign of deterioration from their long repose in the till of the trunk.

Prominent railroad men who have inspected these passes say that they have never seen such an unique collection. Each pass bears the signature of either the president or general superintendent of the various roads at the time they were issued. As follows: New York Central R. R., Pennsylvania R. R.; Pittsburgh, Ft. Wayne & Chicago R. R.; Buffalo & State Line; Chicago, Alton & St. Louis; Sandusky, Mansfield & Newark; Springfield & Columbus; Toledo, Wabash & Western; Kentucky Central; Buffalo, Corning, Rochester & A. V. R. R.; Milwaukee & Mississippi; Ohio & Mississippi; Baltimore & Ohio; Little Miami, Columbus & Xenia; Greenville & Miami; Chicago & Burlington; Michigan Central; Bellefontaine, Indiana & Indianapolis; C. P. & Ia. R. R.; Mississippi & Missouri R. R.; Terre Haute, Alton & St. Louis; New Albany & Salem; Steubenville & Indiana; Pacific Railroad of Missouri; Lafayette & Indianapolis; Cincinnati, Wilmington & Zanesville, Dayton, Xenia & Belpre; Michigan Southern & Northern Indiana; Chicago, St. Paul & Fond du Lac R. R.

Many of these railroads have since consolidated and now form the great transcontinental passenger, mail and freight lines.

Hidden in this trunk was a well preserved copy of an old newspaper—The Daily Capital City Fact, Columbus, Ohio, August 11th, 1852. Vol. 12 Number 30. The entire front page of this paper is devoted to advertising the different railroads, steamboat lines and stage coach lines. It is interesting to note the time made by the roads then, compared with today.

Cleveland to Cincinnati—Fast Mail & Express, 11 hours was considered fast time—the run is made today in 5 hours and 30 minutes.

Cleveland to Chicago, Fast Mail & Express, 22 hours was a long and

thresome trip; today the Twentieth Century Limited has clipped the time to 6 hours and 25 minutes.

Traveling by railroad was real hardship those days and none of the pleasures and comforts of today were afforded or enjoyed. The railroads were then in their infancy and consolidation had not been thought of. Instead of stepping into the palatial drawing room of a comfortable Pullman and riding to the end of your journey without change, it was necessary to change cars about every hundred miles or less, and frequently on some of the roads the train would run as far as possible during the daytime, and at night stop at some station, which was provided with a so-called hotel, here the passengers would remain until morning, when the journey would be resumed.

The Mail Service is so nearly perfect today that a letter can be placed in a pouch in New York City addressed to San Francisco and there remain until arrival at the Pacific Coast city without being taken from the pouch. In the early days of mail distribution it was necessary to send each piece of mail to a certain distributing point in each state, there it was sorted and sent in the direction of its destination to another state, and so on until it arrived at the city or town to which it was addressed. A letter addressed to some point in the far west would travel as far as possible on a railway, then it would be transferred to a stage coach to travel until another railroad line was reached. Previous to the completion of the Union Pacific Railroad in 1869, the only means of conveyance for passengers and mail were by stage coach, the line being operated from Atchison, Kansas, on the Missouri river, later from Fort Riley, Kas., thence to the Pacific coast. A boot was provided in the rear part of the coach for carrying the mail, this part was provided with an iron net work for protection of the mail. Wells, Fargo Co., pouches were also carried on the stage coaches, mail was frequently carried in the Wells Fargo pouches and the agents throughout the west were provided with cancellation stamps similar to those used by the postoffice department and when any letters were carried in their pouches they were stamped Wells, Fargo & Co., with town and date thereon. This practice ended about 1870 and envelope covers bearing these cancellations are considered quite rare.

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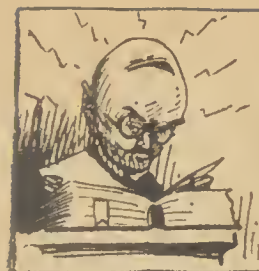
HUNDREDS AND THOUSANDS.

In olden times we used to point to the 10,000 reis Official stamp of Brazil as the limit in high figures on a postage stamp, but since the Russians started painting the north of Europe and Asia red they have the Brazilians beaten to a frazzle, or cracked to a nut. The latest is a 100,000 ruble.

GIANT KEY FOUND.

A solid iron key, 11¾ inches in length, weighing 2¼ pounds, was found five feet under the surface of the earth by a colored man, while digging in one of the streets at Greenfield, N. C. From all appearances, the key has been hidden in the earth for many years and was judged by several who have seen it to have been in use probably two or three centuries ago.

"Miss, may I have a spoon," asked the aged stamp collector. "Not with me," said the pretty waitress, as she stamped her tiny foot.—Sparks.



INQUIRIES



It is to your benefit as well as our, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Robert van Sciver, Middletown, N. Y.—The token of which you sent rubbing, belongs to a class termed political tokens, because they were issued as political propaganda. Their issue was prompted by the currency question, which at that time was considered of great importance. There is quite a variety of these tokens, called "Hard Times," or Jackson Cents, issued between 1834 and 1841. Some are scarcer than others, but can be bought for about 35 to 50 cents. On the variety you have, the year on the reverse side is 1837, not 1857.

M. S.

To the correspondent asking for names and addresses of leading stamp collectors: I refer you to the "Philatelic West." Here you will find what you seek, names and addresses of both collectors and dealers. I don't know if it is my fault or yours but I can't make out your name.

M. S.

Q. Why was a "Peace Dollar" issued last year?

D. B. L.

A. This dollar commemorated the declaration of peace between the United States, Germany and Austria exchanges of peace treaty ratifications having been made in Berlin on November 11, 1921, and in Vienna, November 8, 1921. Peace was proclaimed by the president of the United States a few days later. The peace dollar takes the place of the old design of the standard silver dollar which has been used since 1878.

Moore (no address given):—I have read an interesting article about coins. A small gold coin of current Swiss coinage and said to be the smallest modern gold coin in the world, was described.

Would it be possible for me to get one or more of these coins without going to Switzerland for it? If so, how would I proceed to get it, and would U. S. currency be good to send in payment?

Answer:—As far as I know there is no such coin current in Switzerland. You probably have read something about the gold franc coined at Geneva in 1921. This is the smallest gold coin in the world, so far as is known. It represents the gold franc and is the coin in which the budget of the League of Nations is to be calculated. In shape it is octagonal and on one side is engraved the initials "S. D. N." (Societe Des Nations). It is valued at about two cents and weighs .03225805 of a gramme. Only one piece was struck and this was presented to Sir Eric Drummond, the general secretary of the League. So you see that it is quite impossible to get this coin. As for U. S. currency being good to send to Europe in payment of coins or anything else, I should say that it certainly is. One of the queer phases about the thing is that our currency is worth about twice as much as our gold over there.

M. S.

HOW I PREVENTED THE INDICTMENT OF A STATE OFFICER

Supt. Gulley, Army Postal Service, Hawaii.

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But to their scarcity I accounted for when later I cleaned out a similar lot of papers from the damp basement under the Land Office and in boxes and rotten moldy chests I found whole ties of letters and papers with dates of the 60's but so welded together by the dampness and mold that it was impossible to make any headway in separations so as to distinguish names, contents or stamps. What few stamps I found were stuck and faded past all saving. There were many impressions of where the stamps were on some of the letters but all the care I could use could not obtain for me a dozen fair copy stamps worth saving. One envelope registered had a 15c of 68 with about a fifth of it missing and there were some other stamps affixed which I could not distinguish. This bundle I am sure had a quantity of the 69 issue in it as I could distinguish by the remnants attached but not one good one could I get out of the box of letters which were mostly welded together by dampness until they were more like paper bricks than bundles of letters. The only way I could tell anything about these was to take a piece of iron and pound the bundle into pieces or throw them against the brick wall until I broke them in a measure apart. Many had been ruined by book worms and wood lice. Of the entire lot in the cellar basement I got few stamps and not many loads of paper fit to ship.

But in one chest I found thousands of dollars worth of State Warrants and Certificates of Indebtedness issued under "Carpet Bag Rule." There were also quantities of State Bank money, worthless but fine for souvenirs. but I burned the greater part of all these as I remembered the incident of a few months ago when a young chap in State Treasurer's Office had taken some of those old certificates of later date and much like money of U. S. and had passed them to some friends who in turn had disposed of and they later turned up in the State Treasurer's Office for redemption with name of State Treasurer forged to them. This young man came near getting into serious trouble over the matter and lost his job but he explained that he merely took them for souvenirs and had no intention of putting them into circulation.

But in the search thru the records of the old building I found documents of all the governors of the state signed and many written by the earlier ones in long hand. So I obtained the report of almost every governor and his recommendations to the different legislatures.

There were many papers signed and written by Gov. Miller, the hero of Lundy's Lane and who was the first territorial governor of the Arkansas. His papers had many references to the Indians and several treaties with them as well as bills for merchandise and supplies for their reservations.

One of the most interesting was a pardon with seal of the U. S. about the size of a saucer on it pardoning for the crime of murder two Indians, Mad Buffalo and Little Eagle, committed on one Curtis Welborn. The date of this pardon was 1823 and it was signed by J. Q. Adams, President and H. Clay, Secretary of State.

Also there was the report of the agent sent out by the governor of Arkansas to investigate the Mountain Meadow Massacre. This had a page or two missing but was written in ink and gave a full description of the terrible occurrence.

Also there was the report of an inter-state war in Marion county in

which several men were killed just about the time of the Mexican War.

There was a telegram from A. Lincoln, and some war papers bearing General U. S. Grant's indorsement. There were also numbers of papers pertaining to the occupation of the city by Federal troops and the communications from the Departments in Washington.

Much of the matter was of no value historical or otherwise, and this I dumped in with the waste and sent it on to the paper manufacturing concern. So in all I filled over half full one of the big furniture cars, and then tore down the house and had the basement cleaned out.

While I was disappointed as to stamps both as to value and numbers yet I obtained the basis of a good collection which up to that time had little interested me. Then I had the signatures of all the governors of the state, papers signed and many autograph letters of Presidents and other prominent men in Washington. Also there were Indian treaties and documents signed by the chiefs of numerous Indian tribes.

Then there was a check in a few days for \$125.00 for the paper and the sale of the brick and salvage from the little building more than paid for the labor of moving and loading so that with it all I considered it a well spent two weeks of labor and search.

But back to how I prevented the indictment of the Secretary of State, Mr. Hull. Several months after this the grand jury convened and it happened that the foreman was the Commander of the Confederate Veteran Camp in the city and he was a special friend of my father who was also a member of the Camp. Father had frequently asked that I watch out for the missing rosters of the Confederate regiments mustered into service in the state but he happened to be away from Little Rock at that time but he had told Gen. Green before he left that I would try to find these rosters should they have been dumped into the waste building.

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During the past year the Nebraska Historical society has lost from its museum one of the rarest and most valuable historical articles in its collection. This was the silver medal bestowed upon the Pawnee chief "Bravest of the Brave" in 1821 at Washington by Miss White's Young Ladies' seminary. It commemorated one of the most important events in Nebraska history—the termination of living human sacrifices. The chief to whom the medal was given in 1817 rescued a captive Comanche girl from being burned to death in honor of the Pawnee god "Evening Star." The medal was buried with the chief's body on the Loup river in Nance county. A party of explorers found the medal in 1884. It became the property of a young girl in the party, who is now Mrs. George W. Ellsworth of College View. The medal was placed in the museum of the historical society as a loan. The American Numismatic society of New York got information of the existence of the medal. It telegraphed an offer of \$600 for it. The Historical society board met in special session to consider raising an equal amount to keep the medal in Nebraska. Lacking available funds to make the purchase the society was reluctantly compelled to see this most important document in Nebraska history go to New York city.

The society has made arrangement with Charles Knife Chief and Louis Bayhille of the Pawnee tribe for gathering the tribal history and traditions and implements of these two tribes.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS.—By George Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

"Antiques," the collectors' magazine of Massachusetts, has lately been running a series of interesting illustrated articles on "Our Martial Pistoils," by the noted firearms write, Charles Winthrop Sawyer. The series was concluded in the December number.

In the historic old tavern at Arrow Rock, Mo., among other interesting relics may be seen the duelling pistol with which Governor John S. Marmaduke killed General Walker in an affair of honor during the Civil War.

A pistol fire extinguisher from Germany is loaded with cartridges containing a powder which is set off by the trigger striking a percussion cap. The powder generates carbon dioxide, which prevents combustion.

"Yellowstone" Kelly, the famous scout, called his trusty rifle, "Old Sweetness." When he was once sent on a hazardous dispatch journey, during the Sioux uprising, he calmly remarked: "I guess 'Old Sweetness' and I can take care of any Sioux who jumps us." And "Old Sweetness" afterwards bore a good many notches that testified to the accuracy of Kelly's "guess" and incidentally his deadly aim.

F. Theodore Dexter, under the head of, "Wanted Jazzy Firearm Oddities," recently wrote: This "blue-note" appeal to the erratic in human nature, has conquered the ear of man and is now about to turn people away from the precedental channels of consistency into the treacherous shoals of diversified action. Staid Firearm Collectors have fallen for the "jazzy" style of collecting; and are turning their heretofore beautiful arm collections into a curio shop. "Send me something jazzy—something of an oddity" the firearm collector begs the dealer, and the dealer responds, "Yea, bo," for he has been waiting for the chance to unload just such specimens on someone. Men are working overtime in Belgium turning out antique pieces in odd shapes, which they expect to sell to "jazzy" American firearm collectors. Will they sell? Did one dealer, who laid in a stock of corn knives, and sold them for "head-hunter's" weapons, ever expect that American weapon collectors would fall for them? Did he? Suffice it to say that other dealers are digging out the trash right now and polishing it up for "jazzy" sale. Who wants a Colt Dragoon, or a Le Mat, at \$35.00 a throw, when one can buy something in foreign jazz at half that price? Who care if the old firearm museum looks like a Tower of Babel? We can't stop "jazzing" long enough to gaze somewhat ahead and figure out what these "jazz" firearm collections would be worth in ten years from now; but it might be well, for the benefit of those who have just began to "jazz" their firearm collections, to state that the indiscriminate collection will bring just a little less ten years from now than it is worth right now; because even now people are becoming wearied of "jazzy" styles, even in "antiques." Jazz it up if you wish to, Mr. Firearm Collector; but don't come in with the big whine when you find that your collection can never increase in value. There is a day of reckoning coming for "jazz-bounds" in every walk of life; and it is my opinion that the collector who has danced will pay two-thirds of the fiddler's wages.

S. E. Kester of Ottawa, Kas., has among his many rare and historic possessions a gun which is claimed to have once belonged to Quantrell, the noted guerrilla and cast aside at the Lawrence raid; one of Colts' first revolving guns invented in 1857; a torch fire gun 700 years old; a coat of

armor made in 1183; a Greek shield of the year 800; a Roman battleaxe, and a wonderful sword, with gold inlay, from one of the soldiers of the right court guard of Mohammed.

Al Raver of Burdock, S. D., Box 3, writes in the Western Story Magazine:

"In the April 22d number there was a distress call for some oldtimer to give information on old-time guns. I have some of the guns, also a reliable record of over 300 old-time weapons. Will give you a record here of a few. If you want any more, write me and enclose postage stamp.

"The Colt firearms people put out what is called the 'old cap-and-ball' revolver in .36 and .44 caliber. Colonel Colt started making revolvers and rifles in the years from 1834 to 1842 at Paterson, N. J. This factory was destroyed by fire in 1861.

"The Cooper double-action cap-and-ball revolver was made and used in 1863. It resembles the Colt.

"The Beales U. S. navy Civil War revolver, .36, powder and ball six-shot, fired with cap, was patented September 14, 1858, and manufactured by Remington, at Ilion, N. Y.

"The Freeman revolver, .44, six-shot cap-and-ball, patented December 9, 1862, and made at Hoard's Armory, Watertown, N. Y., was used between 1861 to 1865. Though it was patented in 1862, it was used some in 1861.

"The Allen & Wheelock Civil War cap-and-ball revolver, six-shot, was purchased by President Lincoln's agents in Europe for Union army volunteer officers, 1861 to 1865.

"The E. A. Prescott earliest metallic cartridge, U. S. navy .36 revolver was patented in 1860 and made in Worcester, Mass.

"If I could take the time and had the space I could give you records of a dozen more cap-and-ball revolvers. The copper cap was patented in 1805 to 1807 by a Scotch clergyman by the name of Forsythe, who was fond of shooting. Then the famous dueling pistol, fired with a percussion cap, was made by the Forsythe Company.

"Have lots of dope on real old-time flintlock pistols and guns, also a complete history and record on the old-time bow guns used from 1750 to 1800. But I guess this is enough for now."

Elmo Scott Watson, in his series of interesting "Stories of Great Scouts," says: "The old Sharps rifle ended the North American buffalo," once wrote Theodore Roosevelt, the chronicler of the winning of the west, and he might have added that this famous gun helped write "Finis" to the story of the Indian, with a few periods of lead. Then Watson relates the well known incident in which Billy Dixon, the famous scout, made with one of these rifles, at the Adobe Walls fight, in the Texas Panhandle, his remarkable shot that dispersed a war party of Indians at a distance of 1,200 yards.

John B. Kennedy received a few days ago the sword that his father carried in the Civil War, Capt. John B. Kennedy, Sr., served in Co. B, 108th N. Y. Inf. He came west immediately after the close of the war and the sword was left with his brother at Rochester.—Troy (Kas.) Chief.

C. R. Baker of Amsterdam, O., is a collector of old pistols. Charles M. Lee of Mason City, Ia., has a collection of over 500 old time and modern pistols and revolvers.

MUSEUM OF ARROW ROCK TAVERN?

St. Joseph, Mo.—Efforts to have the old Arrow Rock Tavern of Arrow Rock, Mo., preserved as a museum have been taken by the Daughters of the American Revolution and the state has been asked to purchase the property. The tavern was built in 1830. It is still being operated. Its furnishings and its Indian collections are of historical value and the state is asked to buy it for museum purposes.

It may not be generally known to Nebraskans that the greatest collection of fossil mammals in the world is found in the western part of this state. Such is the fact. The cream of these deposits is on a tract not over forty acres in extent on the Cook ranch at Agate, near the Niobrara river in Sioux county. The remains are found over an area extending from South Dakota into Colorado and westward into Wyoming, but so far the most numerous specimens of a high quality are found at this particular place.

The remains of these ancient citizens of Nebraska are found in rocks produced by sedimentation. They include a great variety of beasts and two teeth have been found that have been identified as belonging to some first citizens of Nebraska, a chap who lived here so long ago that nobody likes to mention his age in years. The experts speak of animals like hogs, horses, camels, elephants, rhinoceri, and other menagerie stuff, all represented in the greatest profusion in these Sioux county hills. They say that one of the greatest coincidences in history is the removal of Mr. Bryan from Nebraska and his espousal of the cause of anti-evolution just when these Nebraska rocks are yielding up facts which they think establish the accuracy of the theory of evolution without the shadow of a doubt.

The fossil bones are found in rock beds that lie in many cases far below the surface. In the great quarry on the Cook ranch they blast and scrape off the overlying material and shove it down hill. As they clear off from forty to sixty feet of this stuff and approach the fossils they are obliged to work with caution, for the bones are often more friable than the rock in which they are encased. They chip away the stone and impregnate the fossil with some waterproof, hardening material and then take it out to let the scientists gloat over it and decide just what sort of animal died in that spot ages and ages ago.

A study of the auction programmes reveals the difficulty of obtaining the old classics in fine condition. The Ferrari sale, with some very tall prices for certain rare stamps (far from good specimens), illustrated that we have reached the stage when "half a loaf is better than no bread" when 'tis hard to find.

There was also a marked demand for the American beauties—whose charms have recently been described in excellent handbooks—and, the supply not being equal to the demand,

"If you missed her
Then you kissed her—
Little sister—Argentine."

Owing to the great request for popular favorites, many countries which have long done service in the philatelic chorus are beginning to play more important parts.



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Here you may range the world with the magic of a Book; plunge into scenes of remote ages and countries, and cheat expectation and solitude of their weary moments.

Another first folio of Shakespeare brought \$50,000 recently. The book was printed in 1623.

Campbell's "Travels in the Interior Inhabited Parts of North America, 1791-92," published in Edenburg, 1793, sold for \$150.00 recently.

A rare and interesting document changed hands in New York the past month, being the original license granted by the Archbishop of Canterbury for the Marriage of Charles Dickens and Christina Hogarth dated 1836.

"Walsh's Humorist" said to be one of the most scurrilous papers ever published was sold at auction lately for \$610.00. This was published in California in 1861-62.

Early California items are fetching fat prices at late auctions.

Another semiscarce California item "Stratton's Captivity of the Ottoman Girls," San Francisco, 1857, rare second edition brought \$80.00.

"The Pioneer," a monthly magazine was the first magazine published in California. Four volumes bound brought \$197.50.

A scarce almanac called, "The San Francisco almanac" 1858, first copy ever to appear at auction brought \$130.00.

An excessively rare broadside containing the announcement of the completion of the Pacific Railroad, Salt Lake City, 1869, sold for \$400.00.

Only nine known copies of Johnson and Winters "Route Across the Rocky Mountains," published in Lafayette, Indiana, 1846 have been brought to light. The last one sold for \$310.00.

A very rare narrative being Zena Leonard's "Narrative of Adventure," Clearfield, Pa., 1839, only four or five copies extant, sold for \$1,700.00.

Pike's "Account of a Voyage Up the Mississippi River," 1807, original edition, brought \$400.00.

An interesting relic of the late World's War hangs in the secretary's office. It is a small American flag, framed, presented to New York Lodge, No. 1 by Dr. M. B. S. Fleischer. The gift was accompanied by the following narration:

"This flag was taken from the person of a wounded German prisoner brought into the aid station of Captain M. B. S. Fleischer, 6th U. S. Infantry, 5th Division regulars at the Battle of Romagne in the Argonne. In reply to Captain Fleischer's questions the prisoner stated that he had picked the flag from the body of a dead American at St. Mihiel on September 12th, 1918.

"He could give no further information regarding the dead soldier. The unknown was undoubtedly an Elk carrying into battle this prized memento of his initiation, giving his life in the preservation and defense of all it represents."—Elks Antler.

SHORT PARAGRAPHS.—By M. Sorensen.

Wampum and tobacco were not the only things used as money in America during the early period of the country. The skins of wild animals were current as the medium of exchange, and salaries of the officials of the American state of Franklin were payable in, and presumably were paid in, the skins of deer, raccoon, beaver, muskrat and mink.

The state of Franklin had a history which must make curious reading to Americans today. In 1784 the state of North Carolina, weary of the burdens imposed on her financial resources by the extent of her western lands and settlements, and, according to historians, irritated at the complaints which the settlers in those remote parts made against the state government, passed an act conveying to the federal government those western lands which are now comprised within the state of Tennessee.

The passage of that act by North Carolina caused its western settlers to feel that they had been abandoned by their mother state and they formed themselves into a commonwealth to which they gave the name Franklin, in honor of Benjamin Franklin. The new state applied for admission to the union, but before affirmative action was taken by the national government North Carolina repealed its act ceding its western land to the United States. The town of Greenville was the capital of the state of Franklin and John Sevier was the governor. Governor Sevier was at one time put on trial for high treason and was rescued from the North Carolina authorities by the people of Franklin.

Among the laws passed by the legislature of Franklin was this:

"Be it enacted by the general assembly of Franklin state, and it is hereby enacted by authority of the same, that the salaries of this commonwealth be as follows: His excellency the governor, per annum, one thousand deer-skins; his honor the chief justice, per annum, five hundred deerskins; the secretary to his excellency, the governor, five hundred raccoon skins; the treasurer of the state, four hundred and fifty raccoon skins; each county clerk, five hundred beaver skins; clerk of the house of commons, two hundred raccoon skins; members of the assembly, per diem, three raccoon skins; justices' fees for signing a warrant, one muskrat skin; to the constable for serving a warrant, one mink skin."

New silver money which in time the soviet government hopes to put in circulation to replace, partly at least, the paper ruble of today, is being coined in the Petrograd mint, the only existing plant of its kind in Russia.

The mint began operating several months ago; up to the present time it has manufactured 5,000,000 rubles in silver, in denominations of 10, 15, 20, 50 kopecks and 1 ruble pieces. The coins contain 90 per cent silver and 10 per cent copper, and in general appearance are much the same as those in use before the war. Close inspection, however, shows that the soviet coat of arms has replaced the old imperial eagle. Another striking feature is the bolshevik motto "Proletariat of the world, unite," on the reverse side.

The new coins are sent to Moscow where they are held as part of the government reserve. When a sufficient quantity has been assembled the government contemplates using them as a form of guarantee for paper money to be issued in the future.

Ultimately it is hoped to put them generally in circulation, and thus

obviate the present necessity of calculating in billions and millions for the needs of every day life.

Thousands of central and eastern European peasants, following the time-honored custom, buried their silver coins against a rainy day. These silver coins, writes Joseph Szebenyel in the *Atlantic*, naturally retained their former value. But the hoarding was done on such an extensive scale that, as early as 1918, all silver coins had disappeared from circulation in Germany, Austria-Hungary, Jugo-Slavia, Roumania and Poland.

Today a peasant who buried 100 five kronen pieces is a millionaire: he can exchange the 500 kronen in silver for 1,000,000 kronen in paper money.

In Austria-Hungary alone there had been in circulation something like 200,000,000 kronen worth of silver money before the war. It would take Austria the enormous sum of 200,000,000,000 kronen to buy up her half of this hoarded silver currency.

The fact of being a millionaire in those countries does not mean anything. Such a million is a million in figures, but not in value, and when such a million is converted into a sound currency, the shrinkage is fabulous. But the purchasing power of the depreciated currencies of central Europe has not gone down quite in proportion with the decrease of their exchange value. One million Austrian kronen, which were worth before the war almost \$200,000, are worth today not quite \$120, but their purchasing power in Austria is considerably more than that.

The new Canadian nickel is not playing hide-and-seek with the Canadian people. Complaints from business firms in different parts of the country to the effect that they have been unable to have their requirements in this denomination filled, are hardly warranted, mint officials say. All that business houses in Toronto or any other city have to do is to go to the office of the assistant receiver-general in their particular city and ask for a supply of these nickels, and they will readily be satisfied. There is an ample supply of these coins at the mint.

AUTOGRAPH ITEMS.

Joseph F. Mikulec, Croatian by birth, lays claims to being the world's greatest globe trotter and autograph collector. In his travels, afoot, since 1901 he has visited twenty-six countries and collected over 50,000 autographs, including those of the rulers of the principal powers of the world. He recently left Chicago on his way to Texas with his mammoth book of signatures of noted people, the largest book of its kind in the world.

The manuscript of an unpublished poem, written in September, 1888, by Robert Louis Stevenson, has been brought to the attention of the Stevenson Society of New York. The poem is a "Thank-You" in two stanzas, written by Stevenson on his yacht *Casko* to Francois Donat, in acknowledgement of the hospitality of Donat, governor of the island of Aarakava, in the South Seas.

"Nebraska History," the official organ of the Nebraska Historical Society, says: "A letter from Abraham Lincoln to Judge Reavis of Falls City, father of Congressman Frank Reavis, dated Nov 5, 1855, is one of the documents treasured in the Reavis family. An extract from the letter reads: 'Always bear in mind that your own resolution to succeed is more important than anything else.'"

COIN NOTES.

Buys Much Money for Single Dollar.

Wymore, Neb.—J. A. Reuling, president of the First National bank has been investing in foreign money and has his purchases on exhibition at the bank. For \$1 he received 10 Servian dinars, 100 Hungarian kronen, 100 German Marks, 1,000 Austrian kronen and 150,000 Soviet rubles.

Bulgaria will soon strike aluminum alloy coins of 1 and 2 leva, worth normally 20 and 40 cents. A composition of 2 per cent copper, 8 per cent zinc and the rest aluminum will be used.

Queen Victoria Penny Pieces to be Withdrawn.

A notice has been issued by the Mint requesting large business interests, such as banks, railway companies, etc., who act as clearing houses for the coinage of the realm to withhold from circulation and return to the mint all copper coins of uncrowned Queen Victoria stampage.

The reason assigned for this is that there are at present too many copper coins in circulation, and as the penny pieces showing the head of Queen Victoria "uncrowned" are the most worn they are regarded as most suitable pieces to be withdrawn.

Find Coins 1,100 Years Old.

Gold coins eleven centuries old have been dug up by two Swiss peasants on farm land near the chateau of Hermenches in the Vaud canton. The two men were digging a well when a few feet below the surface they discovered an old-fashioned earthenware crock which contained three hundred pieces of gold and silver. The coins, which are in a wonderful state of preservation, date from Louis II, emperor of Germany, who lived towards the end of the ninth century.

It is believed that they were buried by Abbot Hubert, a relative of Lothaire II, who, as the superior of the neighboring monastery of Saint-Maurice in the Valais, was concerned in many local raids and fights and was killed in a pitched battle at Orbe in 866, not far from the spot where the crock was dug up.

A Million to One.

In the new Russian Soviet notes of 1923 now in course of issue, each rouble is 100 roubles of the 1922 issue, and as the 1922 issue roubles were reckoned at 10,000 pre-1922 roubles, the new notes—and probably forthcoming stamp issues—will be equal to 1,000,000 roubles to the rouble denoted.

From the Evening News, 13,123, we understand that all the Tsar, Duma and Kerensky roubles, and also Soviet roubles of earlier date than 1922 were repudiated at the beginning of 1923.

Christian History in Coins and Medals.

It is hard to disprove to everyone's satisfaction a thing that people are eager to believe. That, we learn from Mr. George F. Hill, who writes in the Illustrated London News, is the case with a certain sixteenth-century medal showing a head of Christ on one side and a Hebrew inscription on the other side. People want to believe that the medal dates from the time of Christ.

The inscription, says Mr. Hill, probably is correctly translated: "Jesus Christ, the King, came in peace, and God became man." Under the false impression that the medal is a very early, if not a contemporary, portrait of Christ it has been reproduced in immense numbers down to the present

day. But quite apart from its workmanship the modern Hebrew lettering is enough to disprove its early origin.

The subject of Christian history in coins and medals is intensely interesting. In the year 314 A. D. a Christian mint official introduced the first faint sign of Christianity into the coinage by engraving a small cross in the field of the dies with which his coins were struck at the mint of Ticinum, which now is the modern Pavia. By degrees Christian symbols became common on the coins. Particularly interesting is a coin that was issued immediately after the Council of Nicaea, in the year 325 A. D.; it shows a standard, surmounted by the Christian monogram, transfixing the serpent of heresy. The simple cross did not appear as an independent type until the reign of Tiberius II,—578-582 A. D.,—and the bust of Christ is first seen on coins of Justinian II—685-695 A. D. Leo VI first introduced the figure of the Virgin into the coinage, but saints did not appear on Byzantine coins before the twelfth century. Generally speaking, during the Middle Ages, when the design of the coins was not the head of a ruler or a decorative design based on the cross, it was most commonly a saint.

No Small Coins Made in 1922.

For the first time in a century a full calendar year has passed without the coinage of a single piece of minor currency. This means that coin collectors will be forced to leave a gap in their collections, for no nickels, dimes, quarters or half dollars will bear the date of 1922. The last time there was a similar condition was for the year 1823. The Philadelphia mint, however, has turned out some \$20 gold pieces and a total of 97,413,473 standard silver dollars, and 7,160,000 one cent pieces.

Approved Movie Celebration

Official government support of the American Historical Revue and Motion Picture exposition, to be held in Los Angeles in July next, is assured.

It became a matter of fact the other day when President Harding signed the senate bill authorizing the mint to coin 500,000 special half dollars to mark the centenary of the Monroe doctrine, which the exposition will commemorate.

The Indian head was first placed on the American one-cent piece in 1859. This design was used until 1909 when it was discontinued and the portrait of Lincoln used instead.

Russian is Beginning to Issue Gold Coins.

Petrograd.—Gold coins are again being minted in Russia, some of them from sacred articles of the church confiscated by the soviet government. The state bank in Petrograd began recently the coinage of gold coins corresponding in size to the old czar gold ten rouble pieces, worth approximately \$5 each. Some old coins have been reminted.

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German gold marks are issued in 5, 10 and 20 mark pieces. Since the value of gold is fixed by international agreement, gold marks would be worth their weight in gold, which is practically their face value. The gold mark's face value is 23.821 cents. The paper money fluctuates and a late quotation was .0027 cents.

NEWS CONDENSED FOR COLLECTORS.—By W. Straley, Kansas City, Mo.

The Heye Foundation of New York, in charge of M. Raymond Harrington, C. O. Turbyfill and W. M. Knox, are exploring the bluffs near Noel, Mo., and have made several important discoveries. Besides articles of stone, they have unearthed several baskets of different kinds and a throwing stick. They estimate the prehistoric remains uncovered to be about 1,000 or 1,500 years old.

The British museum in conjunction with the Philadelphia museum, are making explorations in southern Mesopotamia, on site of Ur of the Chaldees, the ancestral home of Abraham. Much information concerning Bible history is expected to be unearthed.

State Senator Glaspie of Michigan has presented a bill in the legislature of that state to safeguard the Aboriginal deposits and relics of that commonwealth.

Prince Gustof Adolf, of Sweden, is heading an expedition which is excavating a buried town in Greece—the town of Asine on the Greek Peloponnesus—which was destroyed some 3,000 years ago.

The discoveries made in the "Valley of the Kings," Egypt, has held the front page for some weeks, but it appears that the excavations will be discontinued for several months. The Egyptian government and the discoverers, it appears, have disagreed in regard to some phases of the work, which is hoped to be satisfactorily straightened out. The daily press has carried long articles anent the valuable finds made there.

J. Walter Fewkes of the Bureau of American Ethnology, has made some important finds near Fair View House in the Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado. The most striking result of the excavating is a shrine on a raised dais on the floor of a large ceremonial chamber. Idols, fetishes, prayer sticks, a platter of corn, tobacco, clay pipes, etc., were found on this shrine. Dr. Fewkes believes this ruin to belong to an epoch older than that of the cliff dwellers.

CALIFORNIA FLAG COLLECTION.

California now has in its possession all of the United States and regimental flags carried by her sons in the last three wars—the Civil War, the Spanish-American war and the World War. The last flag, making the collection complete, was recently received by Adjutant General J. J. Borree. It is the flag of the Eighth U. S. Volunteers, a California infantry regiment organized in 1898, for service in the Spanish-American War.

The Nebraska state museum is preparing a collection recently sent by Andrew Milek, '19, consulting geologist at Laredo, Texas. The collection consists mostly of giant oysters, some of which are nearly two feet in length and perfect in preservation. The work of preparation is in the hands of Mrs. Anna G. Redford.

Ernest B. Robinson, professional geologist with the Mid-Northern Oil company, Billings, Mont., has sent to the Nebraska state museum some fossils of unusual interest. Mr. Robinson came to the University of Nebraska from Cornell university. He assisted in the department of geology and geography while a student.

INDIANS AND ARCHAEOLOGY.—By Geo. J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

The skeleton of an Indian was recently unearthed on the Jacobs ranch, in the Tulare Lake district of California, by J. I. Furman and S. A. Brewer. Tulare Lake was at one time the largest inland fresh water lake west of the Rocky Mountains and was a great fishing resort for Indians. Many Indian relics have been found there.

A fine collection of Moro and Igorote weapons and utensils from the Philippines, collected by the late Major J. E. Tarbell during the Spanish-American war, has been loaned to the Fresno County Historical Society at Fresno, Calif., by Mrs. Tarbell.

Arthur A. Statter, former assistant secretary of the U. S. Treasury, has discovered on the desert midway between Mojave and Randsburg, Calif., a valuable deposit of kaolin, a rare clay from which the Aborigines of California molded their finest pottery. The clay has been tested and found to be equal in quality to that of the renowned deposits in France from which Haviland china is made. Statter has found traces of old diggings in the deposit supposed to have been made by the Mojave Indians. He has filed mineral claim to the property and will quarry and ship the clay to Los Angeles for making china and high grade tile.

A so-called "petrified" human body, about six feet in height, has been found, it is claimed, in an old coal mine at Welsh, Okla. The body, so the story goes, was found embedded in a coal formation, and stones bearing imprints resembling animal tracks were found nearby.

Many skeletons and relics of ancient man are being taken from Horse Thief cave, in Jones county, Iowa, by excavators who are exploring it.

A chief's rug made by the Chilkat Indians of Alaska, recently acquired by the Ethnographical Museum of Dresden, Germany, is pronounced by German authorities as a masterpiece of the weaver's art, worthy of being placed side by side with the famous textiles of antiquity.

The partly mummified remains of a prehistoric Indian, wrapped in tattered deer skins and covered with coarse grass matting, have been found in a rock shelter near Noel, Mo. "We regard the find as particularly interesting," said M. R. Harrington of a New York museum, "because it reveals the mode of dress of these early Indians, who we have called for convenience the Ozark Bluff Dwellers."

Crow Indians, who attended the ceremonies connected with the burial of America's unknown hero of the World War, in Washington, laid a war bonnet and coup stick on the grave as their mark of respect.

The recent finding of a skull of a primitive Australian at Sidney may provide an important link in the chain of history of the evolution of the human race, according to Prof. U. I. Hunter of the University of Sidney, to whom the skull was presented by the man who unearthed it. Examination of this and Australian museum specimens revealed a similarity to the European Neanderthal skull fossil, Dr. Hunter said. He expressed the opinion that the skull was one of the most important discoveries in recent years.

We sympathize with Germany in her distress and will send her some money just as soon as the hay baler gets around to our place—15,000 German marks, worth two bits.

"We are largest because we are best. We are best because we are largest."

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

REPORT OF BUREAU OF ENGRAVING, YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1922.

—By Leslie Hart, Washington, D. C.

(Continued from last issue.)

The report of Director Hill, of the Bureau of Engraving, for the last fiscal year. I will now give in more detail some of the parts of interest to collectors. The report was issued in November.

During the year there were 141,317 visitors conducted through the buildings by the guide employees of the bureau.

United States notes of the series of 1880, 1901 1907, 1917; gold certificates, series 1906, 1907; silver certificates 1899; national currency 1882, 1902, 1882-1908 and 1902-1908 and federal reserve notes 1914 and 1918 series were delivered to the treasury during the year. Postage stamps to the value of \$355,264,583.41. Parcel post stamps valued at \$113,010 and internal revenue stamps valued at \$447,166,219.07 were delivered. \$6,250 worth of Thrift stamps were also sent to the post office department.

There were delivered 23,200,000 playing card stamps, series of 1894, surcharged "8 cents" and 15,200,000 of the 1922, class A playing card stamps. 14,961 \$5 stamps, series of 1902 were turned over to the post office department (the bureau does not distinguish between perforation varieties, only by dies, or designs, in classifying stamp issues).

The bureau issued 357,577 1c, 135,817 2c, and 738,867 of the 5c Pilgrim Centenary stamps, 193,620 \$2, 1917, and 450 of the \$5 1917 were also issued. There were only 122,510 30c due stamps and 280,130 50c dues delivered. On the other hand there were delivered to post masters 3,710,417,936 1c stamps of the 1908 design and 9,153,042,752 2c stamps of the same issue. 15,899 16c airplane stamps were delivered.

To show that the 50c value should not appreciate much in catalogue value, observe that 20,479,515 of these stamps were sent out to post masters of the country.

The bureau delivered to the P. O. Dept. sets of stamps for exhibition at the Brazilian International Exposition. Sets of specimen stamps were also given as specimens for postal administrations of various foreign governments, most of which governments are outgrowths of the war. Some of these postal administrations thus favored were Freecity of Danzig, Algiers, Riga (Latvia), Kovno (Lithuania), Albania, Niger Territory Zinden and others.

The bureau delivered stamps as follows, surcharged "Shanghai": 5,000 12c, 15c, 20c, 30c; 3,000 50c and \$1; 10,000 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c and 50,000 1c and 2c stamps, 100,000 1, 2 and 5 peso stamps (and larger amounts of the lower values) were delivered to the Philippines.

Twenty-seven thousand 75c parcel post and 443,937 of 25c dues were delivered to post masters. This should decrease the value of the 25c due stamps still more. They have progressively decreased in philatelic value since their issue in 1912.

The average cost per thousand sheets of securities delivered by the bureau has varied from \$41.14 the first year to \$25.94 for 1922. The lowest cost was in 1913, that of \$15.49. The average number of sheets per employee was 25,093 in 1878 and 64,695 in 1922. The lowest number was 24,905 in 1885 and the best record was that of 1917 when 81,342 sheets were delivered per

employee. In 1878 the bureau had 522 employees and in 1922 the average number was 6,416.

Many items of interest to Tax Paid enthusiasts may be found in the bureau's report. These I shall cover in a separate article.

WASHINGTON NOTES.—By Leslie Hart.

These notes will interest the mineral collector rather than the philatelist. They are observations made during a visit to the precious stone collection in the National Museum.

It is not generally known that practically every precious stone known to jewelers may be found in the soil of the United States. We have a "blue ground" district of our own, similar to the Kimberley deposits, right down in Arkansas, from which diamonds have been obtained. As far back as 1856 a diamond weighing $11\frac{1}{2}$ carats was found near Richmond, Va. Isolated diamond deposits have also been found in California, Georgia, Kentucky, Ohio, Colorado, Wisconsin and North Carolina.

The Isaac Lea collection, now housed in the National Museum, under the care of Miss Margaret W. Moody, was bequeathed to the government by Mrs. Francis Lea Chamberlain in 1894, in memory of her father, Dr. Isaac Lea. Her husband later added a large number of specimens and in his will bequeathed a sum of money with which to buy new specimens. Other collections, notably that of Dr. Joseph Leidy, of Philadelphia, and the exhibit that was already in the museum, prepared by Dr. F. W. Clarke, have been consolidated with it. I will endeavor to describe some of the most striking exhibits.

There is a collection of sapphires from Montana, ranging from a very pale blue, to deep blue; rubies from the same state, of a violet tinge. Some beautiful aqua marines from North Carolina, Maine and Massachusetts are on display. Topazes of all conceivable hues are included in the collection. A beautiful blue topaz from Russia was the most striking to my eye. There are also some perfectly clear ones, which at first glance were mistaken for diamonds. Colorado furnished a rich brown-red topaz that was unique to me.

Nevada has contributed a beautiful tray of opals, noticeably a large black pendant opal. The largest uncut gem in the world, an opal weighing 11 pounds, came from this same field, according to Miss Moody.

Fresh water pearls of most curious shapes came originally from the banks of the Wabash and Black rivers. A beautiful pearl necklace, presented to President Van Buren by the Inman of Muscat, in 1810, attracts much interest.

The collection of semi-precious stones and silicified woods are equally interesting, but I had time for no more than a hasty glance, as the museum closes at 4:30 p. m. and the caretakers were already giving me meaningful glances. I left these for a future trip.

CARUSO RELICS SOLD.

The personal things that came into the life of Enrico Caruso with fame and its attendant dollars—paintings, caricatures of himself, vases, bronzes, costumes worn in his beloved roles, statues, books—are all in strange hands today. Avid auction followers purchased the last of the tenor's collection of art objects. The sale added \$151,148 to the Caruso estate.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

George O. Moon is a Missouri relic collector, who has sold over \$20,000 worth of curios. Some student of human nature has said that every man should have a fad or hobby that will serve as a recreation and a stimulant to his mind. Thousands of successful business men have found relief from the strain of the business worries in pursuing some hobby. It may be stamps or perhaps paintings of a rare nature and even in some cases collections of rare wild animals have engrossed the attention of men of affairs. Monticau county premier collector is Geo. O. Moon, who lives in Tipton, Mo. He specializes in Indian relics and is a recognized authority on the relics left here by the first owners of his county. He has been in the collecting game for ten years and during that time has discovered, bought and sold over \$20,000 worth of Indian relics curios and live animals. The collecting game has developed into a great business with many persons and there are literally thousands of collectors who annually buy, sell and exchange great numbers of curios; there are numerous magazines that cater entirely to collectors and carry whole pages of advertisements telling of wares for sale or wanted.

Mr. Moon says he knows of no other magazine that is equal to the WEST when it comes to reaching all classes of collectors. See his add in this issue. He has just recently purchased a large private collection in Missouri from the late Dr. J. M. Foreman of Jonesburg, Mo. In addition to dealing in Indian relics he sells many other things not usually thought of as having much value; he has shipped live skunks for breeding purposes to many states, having received as high as \$40.00 for a pair of breeders. He has also sold live lizzards, snakes and even chicken hawks. Big game preserves in the east are good buyers for our ordinary wild cottontail rabbits and recently he made a shipment of several hundred live rabbits to a preserve in Pa., the price he received would create a new respect for the value of bunny. Probably the strangest call Mr. Moon ever had was for live bullfrogs for breeding purposes. He furnishes them in mated pairs or in dozen lots and has shipped them to many states, and even in one instance several Cooper county bullfrogs—the kind, whose rear extremities makes such delicious eating—went to Europe to stock a zoological garden.

In 1885 H. N. Gilkison, 2859 W. 57th St., Seattle, Wash., was the first deaf-mute stamp dealer in this country. When he lived in Mansfield, O., but not now.

Harry L. Spooner, the Butterfly Man, of Fremont, Mich., was born at Muskegon, Mich., in 1882. While attending high school Mr. Spooner became very much interested in botany and zoology, in both of which subjects he led his class. He never studied geology or archaeology in school, but was very fortunate in having as superintendent of schools a man by the name of William E. Gould, who was a crank on those subjects. Mr. Spooner would prepare his own lessons out of school in order to sit and listen to the higher grade recite, and in this way he picked up considerable knowledge of these subjects. This was supplemented by many personal collection trips with Mr. Gould.

As part of his school work, Mr. Spooner made a large collection of botanical and zoological specimens and while out on collecting trips for these.

also collected many geological and archaeological specimens. These he kept for years until a fire destroyed a building and all its contents in which they were stored. The botanical collection contained quite a number of specimens that are now extinct in his vicinity.

For years he had no opportunity to make another collection. Then, while living in Detroit, he read "Freckles," and "A Girl of the Limberlost," by Jean Stratton Porter. These books so enthused him that he took up the study of butterflies and moths and in one season had taken over sixty species within the city limits. He obtained permission from Henry Ford's manager to pursue his collecting work on Ford's property and added many more specimens to his collection.

One day he saw some butterfly trays in a jewelry store and from them secured the idea of making all kinds of butterfly novelties. He went to work in his spare time on these and soon was able to make a much superior product to those shown in the stores, because he had a natural love of things in nature which the commercialized product lacked. The ready sale he found for his goods proved them to be of a superior type. The first sales were made to employees of the library where he himself worked. Later, they were sold through gift shops.

After a time Mr. Spooner began selling both butterflies and art goods by mail, and since moving to Fremont, most of his products are sold in this way. He has not tried to put his goods on the market in enormous quantities which would result in a cheapening of the product. Each piece that leaves his workshop shows the intimate touch of a master.

In years gone by, the Fremont section has been one of the greatest regions in the country for the finding of archaeological specimens. But most of these have been picked up. However, Mr. Spooner has opened several mounds in the territory and has some very promising looking ones located for excavation the coming season. He has in the last year or two found perhaps over a hundred specimens, and has started another botanical collection as well. He used to help the late Mr. Soper.

PRICES OF WEAPONS SHOWN ON ILLUSTRATION PAGES.

Plate showing rare piece No. 336 Seventeenth Century Cross Bow sold for \$90. No. 326 Colt Revolver with shoulder stock brought \$55. No. 318 Chinese Hand Canon pistol, first pattern fire arm made, sold at \$105, dated back to 1100 A. D. is among first powder shooting weapons. No. 312 sold for \$21, French square shape repeating magazine pistol, the forerunner of the Automatic. No. 305, Silver Mounted Pocket Pepper Box sold at \$32.50. No. 332 sold at \$20, Japanese match lock pistol. Sword Cane brought \$10. No. 307 got \$18, Ketland London bronze flint lock powder tester. No. 300, Sauer modern pocket automatic brought \$13. No. 500, Henry Underhammer percussion rifle sold for \$9. No. 543, usual flint lock brass mounted blunderbus sold for \$7.

Napoleon Shot gun sold at \$1,050. Crowning one of the fine collection of sale was No. 472 Napoleon I. double barrel shotgun, weight six pounds, is one of the most valuable in-existence; Napoleon gave it to old friend, Lord Athlone who had one son whose foster brother came to U. S. and was for many years in Chicago, property of grandson; N. Y. party got from his widow. No. 471 old brand whaling gun sold at \$27.50. No. 231 army officers automatic

brought \$12. No. 466, 17th century Japanese match lock gun sold for \$105. No. 432 Roper repeating shot gun sold for \$27.50.

All were sold by Walpole Galleries, N. Y. who will have many more fine cuts shown in the next issue that will give prices on most of the cuts we expect to show.

FIND INDIAN STRING OF PEARLS.

Columbus, O., Jan. 31.—A strand of pearls worth \$10,000 unearthed from a mound in Ross county is being held in the Archaeological Museum at Ohio state university. It will be placed on display when the new wing of the building now under construction is completed.

The necklace was unearthed by an expedition headed by Dr. William C. Mills, director of the Ohio Historical and Archaeological society, studying the work of ancient people in southern Ohio.

About 1,000 years ago an Indian patiently gathered together 180 pearls. They were unpolished, but of the finest quality. He succeeded, after untiring effort in wearing a tiny hole in each one in order to string them to hang about his neck.

A part of the string as found still holding some of the pearls together and they have all been restrung in exactly the same positions they formerly occupied.

The gems were all extracted from fresh water mussels. The natives so prized jewelry and beautiful ornaments that they made some good imitation pearls.

How such small holes were bored in so neat a way is a matter of much conjecture. Dr. Mills believes they may have been worn through by the use of sand. The Indian may have used a stick of unusually small diameter and worked the sand through.

At any rate he must have had an indefinite amount of patience to do such everlasting drilling.

THE COLLECTOR'S HOTCHPOT.—By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

L. A. Irsik of Everest, Kans., is making a collection of canes or walking sticks. A recent addition to his collection is a manzanita stick from the summit of Mount Hamilton, Calif., near the famous Lick Observatory. This cane was donated by L. B. Malinowsky of Patterson, Calif.

Senator David A. Reed, of Pennsylvania, is the possessor of a pipe he has carried and smoked for 27 years. He bought it while on a visit to Berlin, Germany. It went through college with him and later made another trip to Europe and Germany when Senator Reed was major of the 311th Infantry.

Willard H. Wheeler, a well known retired jeweler, who recently committed suicide in New York, left a collection of period and historic watches valued at \$1,000,000 and regarded as one of the most complete in the world.

The world's greatest collection of violins belongs to Gabriel M. Francois of Pittsburgh. It includes a Stradivarius worth \$20,000. Mr. Francois says he can prove that the violins made today are in no way inferior to the aged instruments.

A zealous autograph collector recently leaped into the "briny deep" to recover the signature of Miss Ruby Miller, England's famous actress, which she had hastily scribbled on a postcard and cast from the liner, "Sonoma,"

as it left the dock at Paga-Pago. The autograph fiend had asked Miss Miller for her signature and she did not have time to grant the favor until the vessel on which she was sailing had left the dock.

Eighteen shops in Seville, Spain, are turning out "antiques" and selling them to tourists, principally Americans, according to Consul William G. Burdette, in his report to the Department of Commerce. A report also comes from Paris that manufacturers of antique furniture are now using trained worms instead of buck shot to give their product the venerable, worm-eaten aspect.

John E. Hall, of St. Louis, while on a world tour in 1921 enclosed a note in a corked bottle and threw it overboard between Auckland, New Zealand, and Honolulu. He offered a reward for its return to him. Thirteen months later a letter was received from a missionary in Siola one of the British Solomon Isles, enclosing the note and announcing that the bottle had been found by a native on the Island of Ulawa. The bottle is estimated to have traveled approximately twelve hundred miles.

A German Bible dating back to the thirteenth century, and believed to be the oldest of its kind in existence, is reported to have been sold to an American by a private citizen of Berlin. The book is written on parchment and is valued at fifteen thousand dollars.

Eight law books, used by John Marshall, the first Chief Justice of the U. S. Supreme Court, have been restored to the library of the Supreme Court. They are Cranch's Supreme Court Reports and contain notations made in Chief Justice Marshall's handwriting. They were found in the office of the Interstate Commerce Commission.

A copy of the first city directory of Washington, D. C., was recently brought to light. It bears the date of 1822.

The state college at Fresno, Calif., has a splendid museum, which was the subject of an extended write-up in the Fresno Morning Republican of January 28.

Joseph M. Attie, of San Francisco, is the owner of a beautiful gold clock made 118 years ago, at the expressed command of Napoleon, when the emperor of France was at the height of his career. It was presented by Napoleon to the Austrian general, Charles Mack, in July 1805. Mr. Attie, who is himself a native born Frenchman, secured the clock on a recent visit to Austria and it is well authenticated. It still keeps good time.

COIN NOTES.

From the Evening News, 13123, we understand that all the Tsar, Duma and Kerensky rubles, and also Soviet rubles of earlier date than 1922 were repudiated at the beginning of 1923.

Associated Press dispatches reveal that thirty-three printing plants and twelve paper mills are kept busy supplying Germany with new currency at the rate of 45,000,000,000 marks a day. It is said that the introduction of notes of 50,000 marks denomination is expected to increase the daily output by 150,000,000 marks. By the end of the month, the report states, it is estimated every day will see 125,000,000,000 marks in new notes pouring into circulation. Speaking in the language of Emile Coue, the Frenchman, every day in every way we're getting richer and richer. There are a few advocates of cheap money in America but they are not making a great deal of noise now.

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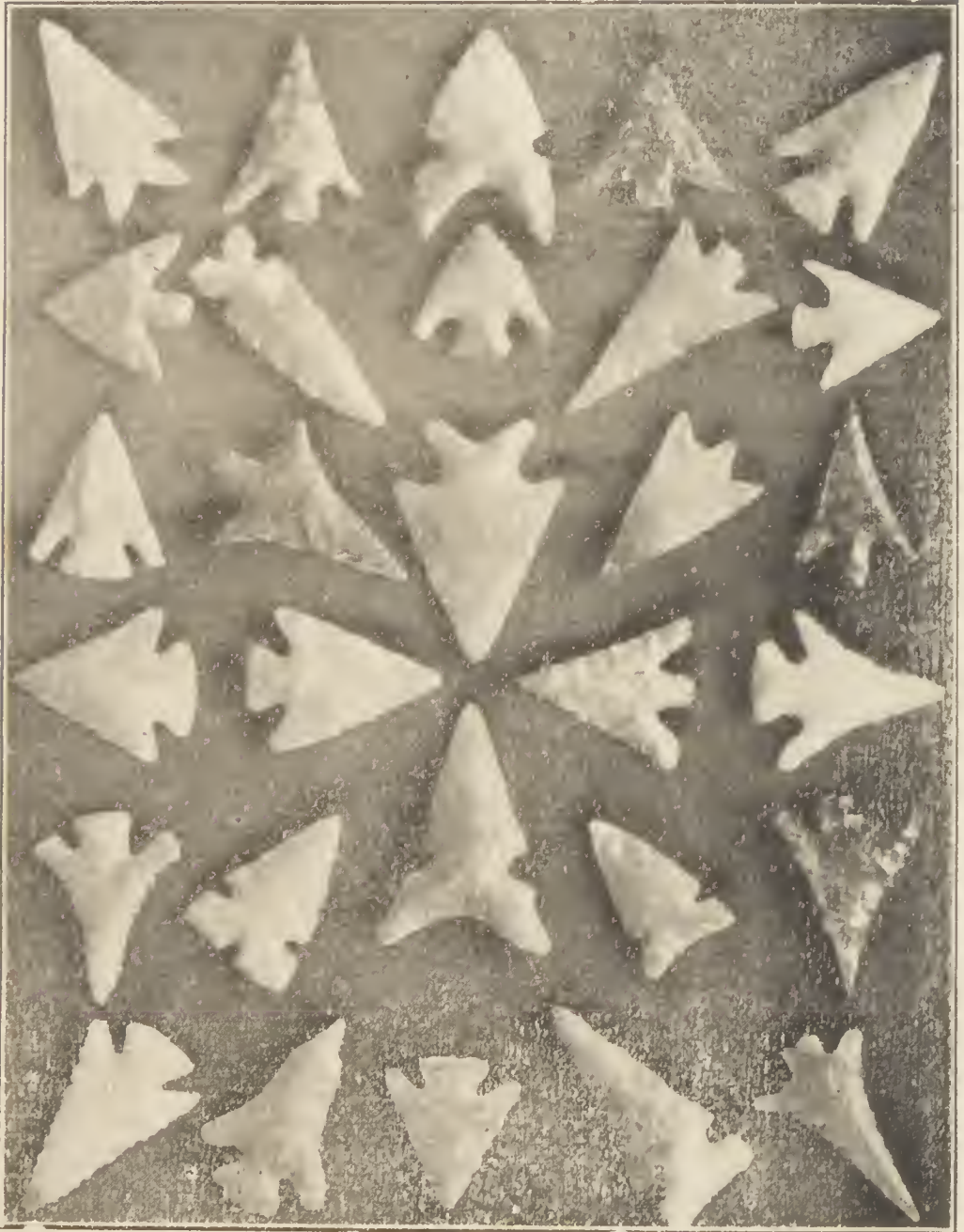
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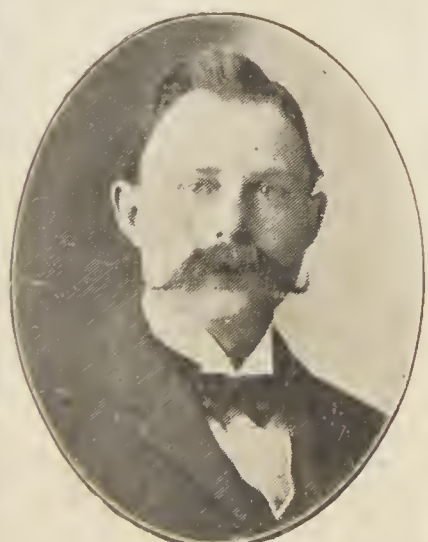
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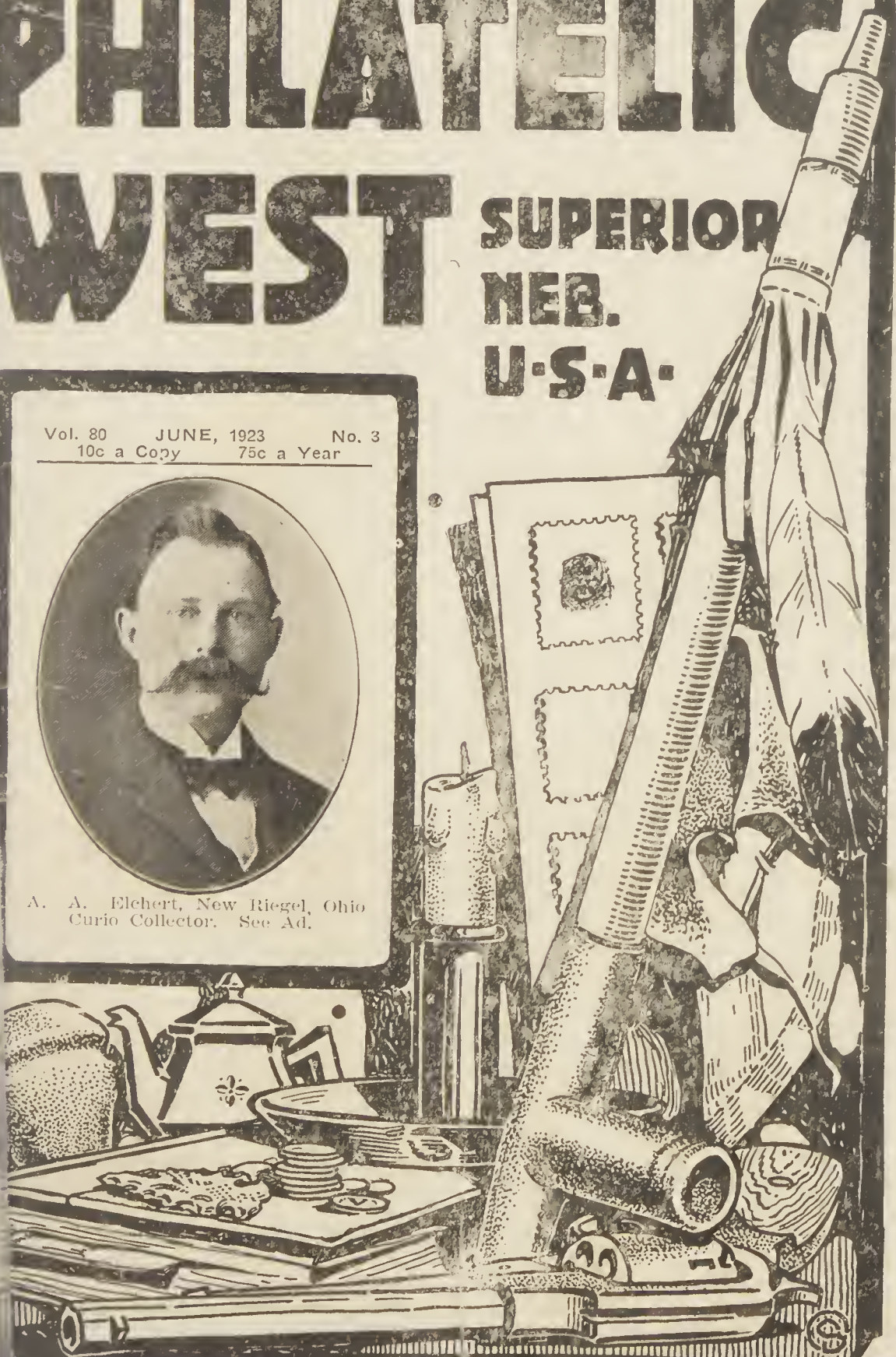
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Stamp exhibition at London is bigger and better in every way than any seen so far. This is the first one U. S. Government has had exhibit and representative at, for reports. Swedish Crown Prince, King of England, and other royal collectors and ambassadors from many countries being present. American collectors have taken some of the medals or main prizes offered, we hope to give better or fuller report and trust the exhibition may lead to many good things, so more new collectors are started.

We have word from J. C. Berkey, Niagara Falls, N. Y., who has been sick over a year, and now is improving slowly. Would like to get help with any stamp duplicates, also thinks WEST best one published.

Badger, who has ad, expects to be in hospital for about a year, like to hear from collectors, may be able to help each other out in this way.

L. A. Beebe, Yonkers, N. Y., says I've always got results from WEST. He has now spoken for ads in next four issues.

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Please note that these Indians will not dig up mounds or allow any white man to do it of their ancestors, but as all traditions of these people are lost to them the white man prospectors and fortune hunters hire these Indians to dig up these mounds in order to recover the gold ornaments found therein. There is pottery in every grave and more or less gold ornaments. These are cast into numerous shapes to represent men, women, monkeys, alligators, logs, birds, etc. All graves do not contain gold ornaments.

One prospector recovered over \$40,000 worth of gold from mounds. The prospector who owns this pottery dug up from one mound a piece of gold ornament weighing a trifle over five pounds which was cast to represent an eagle.

The ages of these mounds cannot be estimated they are so old that the bodies have turned to dust only finding in some mounds the end or part of the thigh bones and this crumples and falls into dust like chalk when taken out.

This prospector reports there have been no Archaeologist to his knowledge in this region to make scientific studies of these mounds. There is a layer of volcanic dust or ashes over these mounds and Geologists estimate that volcanic eruptions took place over five thousand years ago. See also photo in this issue of West. More will be illustrated in next issue.

U. S. LATEST MINTED STATE COINS.

The souvenir half dollars issued by the U. S. government commemorating the Monroe Doctrine Centennial, to be celebrated at Los Angeles from July 2 to August 4, are ready for distribution. The first consignment has been received by the Los Angeles Clearing House, and have been allocated to local banks and are now being offered the public. The coins will be sold for \$1 each, the fifty cent premium being used in financing the American Historical Revue and Motion Picture Exposition with which Southern California will appropriately observe the hundredth anniversary of the promulgation of the Monroe Doctrine. From now until the opening of the Revue and Exposition at Exposition Park, the night of July 2, these coins will be available to the public until the quota is exhausted.

A great demand for these half dollars is anticipated in Southern California as this is the first coin ever issued in connection with a great public event in this section. On one side, the fifty cent piece bears the heads of President Monroe and his Secretary of State, John Quincy Adams, and on the other an outline of the territory whose territorial integrity has been guarded for the past century by the Monroe Doctrine. There is also appropriate wording regarding the great national celebration in Los Angeles this summer. It is the first coin that has ever borne the name of Los Angeles. The half dollars are, of course, legal tender, but their intrinsic value as souvenirs has already created a great demand for them at \$1 apiece.

The bill authorizing the coinage of 300,000 of these Monroe Doctrine Centennial half dollars was unanimously passed by Congress some months ago, following the visit to Washington of an official Los Angeles delegation, headed by Mayor Cryer, which invited President Harding, members of his cabinet,

Latin American diplomats and others high in Washington officialdom, to attend the Premiere of the Revue and Exposition as guests of the city and the Exposition. Chester Beach, noted California sculptor, was chosen to design the coin. His work has been highly praised by officials of the mint and by many of his fellow artists.

A number of these coins is being released in San Francisco, where they were minted, and important Eastern cities simultaneously with their initial offering to the public of Southern California. Officials of the Exposition anticipate immediate disposal of the entire 300,000. See ad on another page.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

A. R. Hoover says that from a boy his hobby always run on old firearms but as he did not have the means to buy pistols and hoard them like the other fellows he concluded he would get to selling them and in that way he would have the pleasure of seeing and handling them. He was fortunate in getting a collection to sell on a 15% basis and sold one man \$54 worth, which made him a profit of a little over \$8.00 and he told his wife the money belonged to him and she advised him to buy some of the common pistols with the money, which he did, and bought five out of an order and took two old wooden bed rails for sides and made a pistol cabinet. That was about twenty years ago and today he has a collection of nearly 100 firearms and many rare ones in the lot. He has one an exact fac-simile of the one Abraham Lincoln was assassinated with, another like Wm. McKinley was killed with, and still another like Garfield was killed with. These three pieces he prizes very highly and are not for sale, so you see he has got so he can keep some pistols. He drifted into pre-historic and Indian relics and will not under any consideration buy a piece which he thinks is not genuine, therefore his customers he got thirteen years ago through the columns of advertising in the West have stayed with him and have helped him to build Hoover's Curio Shop one mile from Laura, Ohio, on Ludlow creek. He has 17 acres there all his own. Thanks to the West and its subscribers for they do sure go after Hoover's bargains and it sure does keep him busy hunting goods and packing orders, and right now he wants to thank the many readers of the West for the support they have given him and H. B. Hoffman of Lima, Ohio, for giving him the first copy of West he ever saw, which is not for sale at any price for he owes his success to him and West readers. See his ad.

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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Coming season looks to me "Best ever." Let's all pull together to make it so. We had twenty pages and new reading set up and left over last number, many notes seem old.

Hottest summer in July reports of Omaha Bee, in over ten years, has made it most impossible to do what we wished and cause of combine issue July and August, why we hope to start next issue in better shape. Best rush your ad copy in sooner, helps to make West bigger and better than ever. Howzat?

J. Dennie, Herrin, Ill., says he tried all main stamp papers and reports WEST got them all skinned for most replies. He started with fourth page, then half page, now page. Pays him, why not you?

Largay, Mass., coin dealer, reports first small ad cleaned him out of goods.

J. Mitchell, New Albany, Ind., one of our oldest readers says WEST best paper of kind published. Don't want to miss an issue.

One of our page ads, Thorsen, Omaha, who had ad for past year, or more, now in Montreal meeting on honeymoon trip. They have our best wishes.

We wish and believe in more co-operation, and if WEST not proved all you hoped at time you subscribed, or had in mind, tell us plainly wherein it has fallen short of your expectations, and you know our growth depends to large extent on you and on ads, and don't hesitate to tell advertisers regards the WEST, can help make it better and larger and wish to hear more of collector ideas, how you started, or made your collection, so may help exchange ideas with other collectors how you made your discoveries, for we hope to report some finds made down in south Panama next month and expect to illustrate some of them, that may help out some of many readers.

A REVIEW OF THE NEW U. S. STAMPS.—By H. S. Dickey.

To properly write a review of the new U. S. stamps a person needs a new dictionary and a new supply of adjectives; because the plain English language is too tame to cover such a beautiful set. To start with the 1c Franklin (which is now precancelled with a new type by New York, N. Y.) this picture compares favorably with the 1c U. S. of 1851; in other words its the "showiest" 1c U. S. stamp we've had in a long time.

The 2c Washington is quite an improvement over that old 2c that we've had ever since "Heck" was a pup; still I never did care much about a 2c stamp, 'cause it was too darn plain looking.

The 3c Lincoln I could go into raptures over and to say that its a fine picture of Lincoln doesn't half express it; I predict that this stamp will be specialized by the precancell fans as well as ordinary collectors.

Now to hand a bouquet to the ladies (or rather to one of them i. e. Martha Washington) as she appears in matronly brown on the 4c stamp; I know lots of folks will try to corner Martha; especially precancelled, because Martha Washington is a beautiful example of the engraver's art.

The 5c Roosevelt needs no boost; because its destined to be a popular stamp, for he still stands as the biggest figure of the 20th century * * * "Roosevelt" The American. I expect to have a special precancelled collection of the Roosevelt stamps as he has never been on a stamp before.

The 6c Garfield is a wonderful improvement over the previous 6c stamps; and 6c stamps never have been common.

The 7c McKinley will be a good stamp too, as McKinley was a much loved president; I well remember hearing both he and Roosevelt speak here in their presidential campaigns.

President Grant always impressed me very much; perhaps because of his heavy whiskers; so I presume the 8c will be characteristic of him; and if so it will be a showy stamp.

The 9c Jefferson I know I'm going to like as I always admird the 5c 1861 to 65; and Jefferson has always been accorded a high place in American history.

The 10c Monroe is the first 10c stamp that you could call pretty, that we've had in a long time; I never cared a great deal about our ordinary 10c stamp; perhaps it was too common.

The 11c Hayes is simply a dandy; its such a pleasing color that I know it will be a favorite and then 11 is a lucky number any way.

The 12c Cleveland I haven't seen; but 12c stamps have always been popular so I'm sure this one will prove no exception to the rule.

The 14c Indian is a Jim Dandy; it will no doubt take the place of our present 13c and I venture to say that there will be thousands of collectors chasing Indians before the year is over; I herewith catalog it at 50c each for rare ones; and double face for those not common and face for common ones.

The 15c Statute of Liberty will light up the collectors' eyes with joy; as Mr. Ordinary Collector has long been tired of our plain old 15c stamp.

The 20c Golden Gate is a pleasing change from our current old 20c U. S. I have stood on the hill overlooking the bay at San Francisco and have seen the ships coming into harbor and have seen them disappearing across the sunsets glow and it is a picture that any painter would love to paint; and poets would go into raptures over the beautiful color contrasts

and over the ships which seem so picturesque and wonderful out on the ocean blue (and this is all on this stamp.)

The 25c Niagara Falls is unusually nifty, being a light green; and pre-cancelled it is a crackedjack; you know we've never had but one other 25c stamp and that was the parcel post issue, I predict a long life and a happy one for this beautiful scenic display of one of Nature's Wonders.

The 30c Buffalo will be the one the boy collectors will all like; anything with an animal on pleases a boy; now on the Q. T. I'm strong for animal stamps myself, I don't care where they are from either; (but don't tell anybody).

The 50c Arlington Amphitheater is indeed a fitting memorial stamp in remembrance of our soldier lads; and it will indeed prove to be another link in memory's chain of remembrance.

The \$1.00 Lincoln Memorial stamp is still another beautiful tribute of respect to one of our greatest presidents.

The \$2.00 is the Capitol Building and I wish it could have been placed on a lower denomination stamp so every American boy could see it and understand better what it is and where it is.

The \$5.00 "America" stamp is going to be a much prized piece of paper, and of course like all high value stamps, the average collector will have to save up his pennies for a long time to buy a copy.

ECLECTICISM IN PHILATELY.

With the emancipation of philately into the higher realms of finance, it becomes increasingly necessary to be more and more eclectic in the choice and purchase of stamps—greater disparity in price will reveal itself from time to time in the different states and conditions of the stamps. This will tend towards the more careful preservation and the more just estimate and focusing of values of the various issues in varying conditions. Because a rare specimen is damaged or repaired it will not necessarily in future be esteemed worthless, but will take its place in its order of merit and will be judged by its peers. This must tend to the conservation of the more and more precious stamps. There is quite sufficient loss of valuable copies going on from time to time through a variety of causes to create an enhancement of their value, having regard to the growing demand, and this loss can only be partially made up for in the conservation of all specimens—good, bad, and indifferent. This tendency to save from destruction must lead to wider discrimination in the appraisalment of values, and lead to the placing of "gems" upon a higher pinnacle than has hitherto obtained.—*Australian Stamp Journal*.

BLACK HARDING STAMP APPROVED BY COOLIDGE.

Washington, Aug. 18.—President Coolidge today approved issue within thirty days of a memorial 2-cent stamp for the late President Harding. It will be black.

Postmaster General New took three designs, bearing engravings of the late president, to the White House, but the President could determine no preference.

This is called the first black memorial stamp in this country. It will be continued indefinitely, but will not replace the 2-cent stamp in general use.

THE COMMERCIAL SPIRIT.—By Reginald W. Davis.

Is stamp collecting dying? What a question! From all sides comes the indignant protest that on the contrary, it is more alive than it has ever been. Probably: but have you ever paused to consider the signs of the times? Have you read the report of the Congress recently held at Bath? And have you noticed the ultra-specialism creeping into a certain section of the philatelic press? Putting two and two together it appears to me that our hobby is threatened with a serious danger, albeit one which, if taken in time, can be easily overcome. This has been recognized by the Congress, whilst the papers read and the discussions thereon, furnish ample food for thought. With scarcely an exception each speaker emphasized the need for the developments of the educational side of the hobby and many depreciated the commercial spirit of numbers of collectors.

This warning is timely, for it appears to me that the monetary aspect is becoming too prominent. Collecting is becoming too much of a business, especially in the case of new issues. Sufficient evidence of this is to be found in the fact that two insignificant colonies have recently decided to issue their own stamps—Barbuda, with a (reputed) white population of ten, and Ascension. In neither of these is the population sufficiently large to warrant a separate issue of stamps—but stamps bring a big revenue for which no services are required! The Borneo Exhibition stamps furnish another case in point.

Again, by subscribing to a New Issue Service everything comes along automatically in beautiful mint condition—well and good—but are not these very stamps surplus stock printed for sale to collectors? Where are the used copies of modern colonials? Practically never seen! On the other hand, a friend of mine purchased a collection of entires a few months ago. Entire on entire containing complete series lightly cancelled, "superb used," but they were not necessary to pay the postage.

There, in my opinion, lie two of the chief dangers to which our hobby is exposed, and a third is the stereotyped lines into which the collection of colonials has fallen.

Let us turn our attention to foreign countries and note the difference. Comparatively few collectors take these seriously. The argument is that British collectors are naturally more interested in the stamps of the Empire. Exactly, and thence follows the other excuse: foreign stamps are no good, for they are too common ever to appreciate. And it is right there that we have the crux of the matter, for the true value of a stamp lies not in its price on the market but in its history, both as a medium of prepaid postage and also (often far more valuable) in the story it tells of its country of origin. Modern colonials tell but little of this latter.

True colonial issues are practically free from the taint of the speculative issue, though I seem to recollect a breath of scandal surrounding Cayman Islands, Seychelles, Borneo and one or two others. Do not think that I am advocating the issue of commemoratives, for it is quite easy to depict the postal, industrial and historical developments of a country without commemoratives. Take Denmark as an example. A study of the stamps of this country reveals a great deal of the story of the Danish people—the early posts, monopoly of the king; the gradual rise of the private posts, evidence of the dwindling power of an absolute monarchy; the establishment of a postal sys-

tem controlled by a parliament; racial differences shown by the change in currency; all this and more may be gathered from the stamps.

Probably your reply will be that the same may be said of some colonies, and I admit it; but my point is that the present tendency is towards extreme specialism in colonials whilst equally interesting foreign countries are being almost entirely neglected.--Philatelic Circulator.

PRICELESS STAMP EXHIBIT.

I think it can be said without exaggeration that the present postal administration is the best we have had. There is an effort to "humanize" the postal service; to interest the men in the service as well as the general public in co-operating for the betterment of the service. The monthly supplement to the "Postal Guide," the official publication of the postal department, reveals this fact. This supplement used to contain nothing but cold figures and staid rules and regulations. But take the monthly supplements now. Each and every one of them contains interesting articles and information about all phases of the mail service. There is much here of interest to the stamp collector. I for my part find that these monthly supplements contain far more interesting reading than many of our so-called "stamp papers", which serve nothing but old, boiled-over dope, while the articles and notes in the supplements are new and dependable.

The following article is borrowed from the June supplement to the "Postal Guide:"

A stamp exhibit, almost priceless from the point of view of stamp collectors, has been made by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at the direction of Postmaster General Harry S. New, and sent to the International Stamp Exposition which was held in the Royal Horticultural Hall, London, England, from May 14 to May 26. Assistant Postmaster General W. Irving Glover took the exhibition to London in the name of the Post Office Department. The exposition was attended by collectors from all over the world.

The American exhibit was made up of various-hued stamps to represent the United States shield. This is surrounded by a wreath of blue stamps and a border of ornamental work reproduced from United States notes and bonds. At the top, in a frame, is an engraved portrait of President Harding. A portrait of Postmaster General Harry S. New appears at the bottom, while below his picture is a great gold seal of the Post Office Department with blue ribbon streamers. On the four corners are engravings of the White House, the Post Office Department Building, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, and the Washington City Post Office Building. Forming the background for these features are sheets of the new golden yellow 10-cent Monroe stamps. The other stamps of the new issues are also included in the design in various places. The national colors of the United States shield are made by using the ordinary 2-cent stamps of the old issue for the red stripes, the background for white stripes, and the new 5-cent Roosevelt stamp for the blue field. Within a circle in the lower center of the display is arranged the entire new issue of 1922 stamps. Below this in a similar panel is the old issue. Even the stamps commemorative of the various expositions find their place in the exhibit. One of the most interesting stamps in the exhibit, a stamp which greatly increases the value of the display, is a specimen of the famous 24-cent Inverted airplane stamp. Copies of this stamp, only a few of which ever got into circulation, are valued at \$1,500 each by collectors.

IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

The American Philatelic Society has set a good example to other organizations of the country.

This society was formed for the purpose of encouraging the collection of postage stamps.

The other day it had a convention in the city of Washington, and, following the time-honored custom, proposed to go to the White House and shake the hand of the president.

However some of the leading members bethought themselves of the emphasis recently laid upon the overworking of our presidents and they decided to spare President Coolidge this ordeal, which would have occupied about an hour of valuable time.

All other conventions have been in the habit of following this inane custom, but the stamp collectors suddenly realized the absurdity of it all.

There is nothing about the collection of stamps which calls for any special words of recognition or commendation from the president of the United States. Other organizations would do well to emulate the example.

The philatelists are entitled to a new "stamp"—the stamp of approval.

THE MOST BEAUTIFUL STAMPS OF THE YEAR.

Our beautifully printed American exchange, the "Albemarle Stamp Collector," makes a specialty of portraying the stamps that belong to the world's art. In a recent number the three new Belgium Congo stamps received the honor. They are without a doubt magnificent examples of designing, but to my mind the three stamps that portray both the highest form of philatelic art together with symbolical strength of the country whence they emanate are easily judged in the new 14c. United States Sioux Chief, Hollow Horn Bear, the 25b. Roumania, and the 1 lei of the same series, even though the latter two stamps bear that horrible Bavarian wavy watermark. So much for beauty. But we must not forget to mention three stamps which demand attention in another respect—the French 10c., 30c., and 50c. Pasteur—a really great commemoration. The new Italian commemoratives are also fine examples, but their subjects are by no means National; and had they not been issued for mercenary purposes they might have been better appreciated. But Fiume takes the biscuit—they are worse than Stamp Exhibition labels.

The Seventh Ferrari sale brought the grand total realized by the world-famous stamp collection up to just a quarter of a million sterling. English and American philatelists were among the heaviest buyers, the proceeds of the three days' sale being £24,460, inclusive of the Government tax. The highest figure reached was £1,557 for a rather poor specimen of the two cents Hawaiian "Missionary" stamp of 1851 (type II.), described as "with defects." Good prices were again the rule for United States, the error of the 30 cents, 1869, with inverted flags selling for £442, plus tax, and the companion 15 cents for £165. A pair of five cent Confederate locals of Uniontown, South Carolina, hitherto unknown, realized £228, but only a comparatively small proportion of the bids ran into three figures. In the next sale, to be held in November, will be included the Great Britain section of the Ferrari treasures, and another three or four sales will complete the dispersal of the greatest stamp collection the world has seen.—London paper

ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

Baltimore, Md., in 4 lines: BETTER HOMES EXPOSITION APR. 23-23, 1923, BALTIMORE.

Cincinnati, Ohio, in 5 lines: COMMUNITY CHEST CAMPAIGN APRIL 14 TO 21, 1923.

Los Angeles, Calif., in 4 lines: LOS ANGELES HISTORICAL REVUE EXPOSITION JULY 1923.

New York, N. Y., in 5 lines: APRIL TRAVEL EXPOSITION GRAND CENTRAL PALACE.

Same office, in 6 lines: NATIONAL MERCHANDISE FAIR JULY 23-AUG. 3 GRAND CENTRAL-PALACE.

Edmonton, Alta., Canada, in 4 lines: GOVERNMENT MOTOR HIGHWAY BANF-WINDERMERE OPEN JUNE 30TH 1923.

Calgary, Alta., Canada, in 3 lines: CALGARY BOY'S FAIR Y. M. C. A. APRIL 4-7, 1923.

Birmingham, England: POST EARLY IN THE DAY.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in four lines: WRITE OFTEN AND KEEP THE FAMILY TOGETHER.

Gloucester, Mass., in seven lines: DON'T MISS 300TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION GLOUCESTER, MASS., AUGUST-1923.

As in many other instances are several offices using some of these slogans simultaneously.

Chicago, Ill., in 3 straight lines. CONVENTION JUNE 3-7 ASSO. ADV. CLUBS WORLD, ATLANTIC CITY.

Atlanta, Ga., and other offices, in 4 lines: ASSO. ADV. CLUBS CONVENTION ATLANTIC CITY JUNE 3-7.

Boston, Mass., San Francisco, Calif., and other offices are using the slogan in a different design, reading in 5 lines, the first one curved: CONVENTION JUNE 3-7 ASSO. ADV. CLUBS—WORLD—ATLANTIC CITY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, in 5 lines: CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP JULY 27-AUG. 25 FOR YOUR BOY.

Cleveland, O., and probably other offices, are using the same cancellation.

Milwaukee, Wis., in lines: HOME BUILDING EXPOSITION MILWAUKEE JUNE 2 TO JUNE 9.

Newark, N. J., in lines: OWN YOUR HOME EXPOSITION ARMORY MAY 5-12.

Rutland, Vt., in 6 lines: RUTLAND VERMONT LIVE STOCK EXPOSITION SEPT. 3 TO 8, 1923.

Many Canadian offices are using the familiar slogan: HELP PREVENT FOREST FIRES.

Several of the slogans used in former years, calling attention to our western reserves and national parks, are in use again this summer by the same offices, which formerly used them. Also the admonition to the public to be careful with fire in the forests; several Canadian offices are using this slogan, too.

Barre, Vt., in four lines: BARRE GRANITE EXPOSITION MAY 1-NOV. 1. VISIT QUARRIES.

Detroit, Mich., in five lines: MICHIGAN HEALTH EXPOSITION JUNE 7 TO 16. DETROIT.

Galesburg, Ill., is out a little early—or rather late—with the Red Cross slogan, used by many offices during October and November last year. On a letter, postmarked May 28, 1923, I find the slogan: RED CROSS ROLL CALL. JOIN NOV. 11-30.

Huron, S. D., in three lines: AMERICAN LEGION CELEBRATION, HURON, JULY 4.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in four lines: CANADIAN NATIONAL EXHIBITION AUG. 25, 1923, SEPT. 8.

Chattanooga, Tenn., in four lines: NAT. ENCAMPMENT SPANISH WAR VETS. CHATTANOOGA, SEPT. 16-20.

New York, N. Y., in six lines: NATIONAL MERCHANDISE FAIR JULY 23-AUG. 3, GRAND CENTRAL PALACE.

San Francisco, Calif., in five lines: NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE JUNE 28-JULY 7, OAKLAND, SAN FRANCISCO.

San Francisco, Calif., in six lines: NATIONAL COUNCIL TRAVELING SALESMEN SEPT. 5-6-7, ATLANTIC CITY.

Charleston, W. Va., in three lines: CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP JULY 27-AUG. 25, FOR YOUR BOY.

This slogan is used by Cleveland, O., and other offices in a five line design.

Calgary, Alta., Canada, in five lines: CALGARY EXHIBITION AND STAMPEDE JULY 9TH TO 17TH, 1923.

Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in three lines: HAVE FAITH IN THE WEST.

Des Moines, Iowa, in three lines: IOWA STATE FAIR, DES MOINES, AUG. 22-31.

Chicago, Ill., in three lines: CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP, CUSTER, MICHIGAN, AUG. 1-SEPT. 1.

Milwaukee, Wis., is using this same cancellation.

Newport, R. I., in four lines: AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL WEEK, NEWPORT, R. I., JULY 23-28, 1923.

The slogan, "National Council Traveling Salesmen, etc.," which San Francisco is using in a six line design, is used in a four line design by Chicago.

During the last eight years especially has the philatelist been able to admire the wonderful courage and thoughts that have kept the Scandinavian countries away and free from the many delicate troubles that have effected other parts of Europe—and the whole of Scandinavia has come off the test with honors.

British Empire and United States stamps are naturally bound to gain the first interest among the English speaking peoples, but after them together with France, there is no need to express surprise that throughout the English speaking philatelists that the very next popular stamps are those of Sweden, Norway and Denmark. The popularity of these countries philatelically is due to two reasons—national feeling and, philatelically, that they have never used the stamp collector as a means of gathering easy revenue.

A man rushed into a New York stamp dealer's office: "This stamp you sold me is simply frightful—it's mended." "You have only one, you needn't complain. I have a thousand worse than that" said the dealer.—Sparks.

£2,000,000 IN STAMPS.

Exhibits in London Show Stir World Philatelics.

American collectors have added largely to the interest of the international stamp exhibition which was opened in Horticultural Hall, London, in May. It is estimated that the stamps shown are of a value of more than £2,000,000. Several notable collections were shown, particularly that of Arthur Hinds, a Yorkshire man who made a fortune in America. He has insured his collection for \$1,000,000. It includes the famous British Guiana 1-cent stamp issued in error in 1856. The stamp was wrongly colored in printing, was sold in the usual way, remained undiscovered for several years and was eventually sold in Paris for £8,000. It is now estimated to be worth £20,000.

Another exhibitor shows penny orange and two-penny blue Mauritius "Post Office" stamps issued in 1847. These are now worth £10,000. The same owner has another set on one envelope, valued at £11,000.

Hundreds of people visited the exhibition in search of the alleged \$100,000 collection sent officially by the American Government of which several newspapers had told. The visitors were greatly disappointed to find that the story was untrue. What was shown was a small framed panel containing specimens of recent issues of American stamps. These issues, nevertheless, form a particular feature of the exhibition, and many well known collectors are taking a keen interest in them.

STAMP COLLECTORS SEND GOVERNMENT FORTUNE ANNUALLY.

Washington.—Postage stamp collectors poured \$41,000 into the treasury of the United States through the post office department's philatelic agency during the first three months of this year for unused postage stamps to add to their collections, principally stamps of the new issue.

The money received not only is virtually clear profit for the government but would pay several times over the entire cost of preparing the new issue of stamps which was about \$3,500. No estimate can be made of stamps sold to collectors for their collections through the regular post offices but the amount is thought to be considerable.

Since the government decided to encourage the collecting of postage stamps and established its philatelic agency here in December 1921, approximately \$100,000 has been taken in through its sales.

"Weko" Collector Club was organized in 1911. Its membership is growing lately rapidly in the United States, Local Clubs are being organized in all big cities. Club paper has the cuts of the new series of U. S. postage stamps, also a list of members with their exchange wishes. We also have seen the new Year Book which contains the complete list of members and exchange wishes, also exchange code in English, French, German and Spain—this enables a member to correspond with others without knowing any foreign languages. We only can recommend this club. A. Gunesch.

It is planned to hold an annual Stamp Exhibition in San Francisco, commencing next year, which marks the 40th anniversary of the founding of the Pacific Philatelic Society.

. Tell the advertiser you saw his X ad here. Thanks.

THE SECOND EXHIBITION PROMOTED BY THE JAMAICA PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Hon. Ellis Wolfe, Postmaster for the island was briefly introduced by the president, Mr. G. C. Gunter, who said, in part, that "the work of the Jamaica Philatelic Society was largely missionary, as in a population computed in excess of 800,000 the number of collectors was appallingly small, and even that small number was not enrolled, in its entirety, as members of the Society. Its success, in less than three years of existence, however, was not quite negligible, as, with a nucleus of seven, its member roll had been increased to fifty-four, with seven honorary members. It had promoted and carried through two exhibitions, of neither of which had it any reason to be ashamed."

409 Years Ago.

Mr. Wolfe, in reply, expressed his thanks for the honor paid him, and stated that philately was a subject with which he was in sympathy, as in his earlier years he had been a collector, but had long since given up the hobby. He pointed out the close relationship there must necessarily be between philately and the study of postal history, and referred to the fact that the postal history of Jamaica dated back to 1514, when the King of Spain appointed a postmaster for the Indies. He further and briefly dealt with this phase of the subject from this point to 1860, when the Pineapple stamps were issued. He paid tribute to the usefulness of philately by stating that invariably the discovery of certain abuses of the post was due to the keenness of philatelists. He congratulated the Jamaica Philatelic Society on its success, expressed his gratification to find it willingly working with the Government when asked to do so, hoped for it long years of continued success and usefulness, and declared the Exhibition open.

The Exhibits.

There was not so large a display of stamps as on the previous occasion, but the display at this exhibition was much more valuable, as the estimated value on which insurance was based was £6,000.

It is interesting to read that King George V has a collection confined to the postal issues of Great Britain and the British Dominions, and that the Prince of Wales is a general collector. Queen Elena of Italy is interested particularly in the stamps of that kingdom, and the Crown Prince Humbert is a collector. The Crown Prince of Sweden has a predilection for the early issue of European countries. King Alfonso of Spain, specializes in the stamps of Spain, Spanish colonies, France and Portugal. King Fuad of Egypt has specialized collections of the stamps of Egypt, Sudan, Hejaz, Palestine, Greece, Serbia, Roumania, Austria and Argentina. Prince Hiroyasu, vice admiral of the Japanese navy, has a general collection that contains 12,000 varieties and specialized collections of Japanese and British Empire issues. Manoel, former King of Portugal, has a collection of the stamps of Portugal, the Portuguese colonies and Brazil. Other royal collectors include King Alexander of Jugoslavia and King Albert, Queen Elizabeth and Prince Leopold of Belgium.—Youth's Companion.

All the specimens of the first adhesive stamp of Great Britain were sold to the public on May 1, 1840, but were not available for use until May 6, 1840.

NEW HUNGARIAN COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.

Hungary has issued a new set of postage stamps in commemoration of its great national hero and author, Alexander Petofi, who was born January 1, 1823. His works are translated into many languages. During the turbulent year 1848 he gained nation-wide renown and kindled patriotic enthusiasm by his war song "Talpra Magyar." He joined the Honved army under General Bem and distinguished himself in the battle of Schaszburg, July 31, 1849, where he disappeared. He lies buried in an unknown grave. It is thought that he was killed in action, and that his corpse, not being recognized, was buried together with those of other unknown soldiers in a large common grave.

The stamps were issued during March this year, and were in the denominations of 10, 15, 25, 40 and 50 kronen. The edition consisted of 500,000 complete sets, and were sold at double face value. A benevolent society for the benefit of crippled war veterans received 75 per cent of the proceeds from the sale of these stamps and the postal department the other 25 per cent. One stamp shows the portrait of the hero-author; others show illustrations of his monument, the battle in which he lost his life, and scenes from his life and works.

I have been personally interested in stamps for this past thirty years and must confess my general knowledge is suggest. Some helpful reference should be compiled in leaflet or brochure form and distributed through the various clubs, exchanges, and schools where our hobby is adopted. I would make a further suggestion that the firms with whom the contracts are placed for the printing of stamps for foreign and our own issues should impart the information to a representative body of philatelists, thus keeping all new issues up to date.

It does not appear to be generally known amongst collectors, and this includes many of long experience, that in removing stamps from covers to obtain the best results, fresh rain water in spite of its repulsive appearance, gives far the best results. It not only removes the paper, but cleans and revives the original colors. Of course the above does not refer to stamps printed in fugitive colors. Carmines and kindred shades will require careful and separate treatment as before.

John Compton, chief of the fire department, has a sombrero in his office, which was taken from a Mexican, who had been hanged with a piece of wire. Chief Compton's brother is an engineer in Mexico, and took the hat from the Mexican after he had been hanged.—Atchison, (Kans.) Globe.

On account of the many new issues stamp collectors are kept on the jump. Before the war about 1000 new stamps were issued annually. In 1920 over 2800 varieties were printed; 1921 had about 2200, and 1922 about 2500. Some of these prints are very crude and look more like stickers than stamps.

Get Your Spring Cleaning Done. Some anxious little fellow wants your duplicates. Advertise a list in the West.

GO SLOW in collecting poor specimens.

POSTAL MARKINGS.—By A. H. Pike, Buffalo, N. Y.

(Continued from April Issue.)

Without the blare of trumpets there are a number of loyal workers making up a check list of military marks, another group working on early cancellations, another on the postal markings of France, another on the Railway Mail Service (R. P. O.) another on aerial mail, and so on down the list. It takes time and patience and co-operation with others that are interested. It means many sacrifices before the finished product is ready for the printer. In most every case it means a considerable loss of money to get out a work of this kind and give it sufficient publicity to sell out the edition. Philately is very diversified, there are hundreds of paths and by-paths to follow. It would be impossible for any of us to follow them all at the same time, BUT none of us know how soon one of these phases will take a boom and then as in the past thousands will eagerly flock to the new fad.

The safest proposition is to get an idea of what these various phases are, read your stamp papers, encourage the compiling of new material, give it a financial support to a reasonable extent, keep some kind of an index so that when you want some real fun and relaxation you will know where to find it.

Take for instance slogan cancellations. These pass through our hands every day. We see so many that they look very common and insignificant, still some that were used a few years ago are being sold as high as a dollar each. You could have saved any number of them if you had been willing to exerted the effort and had an eye for current postage.

Rapid cancelling machines have been in daily use for the past twenty years. Most collectors think these impressions are too common for any serious study. When listing slogans used on these various machines they have to waste time and space describing the design when with a little study and reading up on the subject they each have a name and thousands of collectors have known and recognized them for years.

At the present time there are only four machines in the service using slogans and the majority are used on only two, the International and the Universal. All machines that have been used in the U. S. Postal Service have been illustrated and described, their markings identified and typed and it is as easy to refer to them as it is to a postage stamp using the catalogue number.

If you want to know your stamps and get the full pleasure from them collect and study them with their markings.

Mr. Guest is keeping the A. P. S. Sales Department right up to the minute. He now has a downtown office where he and Mrs. Guest will check your purchase and also see that you get new circuits promptly. When in Dallas arrange to spend an hour or so with them. The office is in the Wilson Building, right by the Postoffice. He reports that sales for April will be a record breaker.—“Texas Stampster.”

The world owes every collector a coin or stamp occasionally but it has no free delivery system in operation. The West has—advertise for anything you want. “You get it.”—“Sparks.”

WAR AND NEW EUROPE.

Stamps Will Soon be as Hard to Collect as Reparations.

It is only from three to five years since most War and New Europe were issued. Already stampdealers all over meet difficulties to buy them. Some of these stamps seem to have entirely disappeared from the market, and others are only there in small quantities. Reason: Absorbed by the many collectors. The one-time contempt for these issues is quickly abating, and with their increased scarcity, will disappear entirely, and the demand as well as their prices rise.

Russell Sage, one of America's greatest money-makers of his time, ascribed his success To Buying When Things Were Cheap. Better start now. War and New Europe stamps are cheap now.—Emco Circular.

New York. Amongst the prices obtained at the sale of part of the noted collection of U. S. stamps on original covers formed by the late Clarence H. Eagle, were:—New York, two pairs and one cover, one stamp creased, \$250; 1851, 5c. very fine, \$97; 12c. diagonal half used as 6c., \$115; 1857, 30c very fine, \$67; pair on same, \$172.50; 1861, 5c buff, block of four, three stamps damaged, \$117.50; 1869, 24c. pair and single on one cover, \$112; 30c. on cover with 12c. to Hong Kong, \$160. At the second session of the same sale a block of four 5c., 1847, one stamp damaged, realized \$255, and a similar block of the 10c. with two stamps cut into, \$650.

Philately is of great historical and geographical benefit, and it gives people a live interest outside the routine of their daily life. It is good for everyone to have a hobby, and stamp collecting had been very aptly named "the king of hobbies and the hobby of kings." The most wonderful collection of stamps in the world was, he understood, on view in the Exhibition, and from what he had seen of it he considered that Philately was entitled to rank as an Art. So says P. M. General G. B.

Sir W. Joynson Hicks welcomed the presence of the Third Assistant Postmaster-General of the U. S. A., who had brought over with him a very beautiful exhibit from his Government. Judging from the number of American philatelists present he looked to stamp collecting as one of the bonds that would unite more closely the two great nations, upon whose friendship the future peace of the world depended.

The Hon. Irving Glover, in replying, said that he came as a messenger of good-will from the American Government to British philatelists. The exhibit which he had brought was the first that had been prepared by his department for any Stamp Exhibition.

The opening ceremony was attended by a large gathering of philatelists of all nations, and the hall was thronged with visitors during the afternoon and evening. The Model Stamp Factory was a great attraction, and a brisk sale was done in specimens of the souvenir Air stamp printed in various colors. The demonstration of Postal Franking on the "Philatelic Magazine" stall also aroused great interest, and a steady stream of people applied to have their letters posted at this novel Automatic Post Office. Judging of the exhibits by the International Jury commenced last night, and the awards will be announced at the Official Banquet on Thursday.—Philatelic Magazine.

SWEDISH CROWN PRINCE AT THE EXPOSITION.

The Crown Prince of Sweden visited the Stamp Exhibition at the Royal Horticultural Hall yesterday morning. Among the items of special interest to his Royal Highness were two pages of the greatest Swedish rarities, the unique example of the three skilling-banco stamp of 1855, printed in yellow instead of green, being the chief of all European stamp rarities. His Royal Highness, who is Patron of the Swedish Philatelic Society, was much interested in the unprecedented number of the rare "Post Office" Mauritius stamps assembled in the Exhibition.—"Daily Telegraph," May 18th.

Allied Postage Stamps of the Great War and After, 1914-1923: a descriptive Catalogue and Guide for Collectors. Published by D. Field. 2s. 8d post free.

In recording the arrival of this, the Third Edition of Mr. D. Field's admirable catalogue of War and Armistice stamps, we cannot do better than quote his own preface:—

Now that War stamps have taken their legitimate place amongst the documentary relics of the Great War, and the excessive rarity of many varieties has come to be appreciated, popular interest in them tends to increase as time goes on. In the experience of our publisher the demand for rare War stamps by philatelists all over the world was never greater than it is today. Some of the greatest rarities are practically unobtainable, and the value of others is steadily rising. The public interest aroused by these historical issues has extended moreover to the many stamps resulting from the war aftermath, and so an entirely new and vastly attractive field has been opened up to the modern philatelist.

The advent of the War stamps marked the dawn of a new era in philately, as in many other things. It is obvious that the philately of the future must be divided into two separate schools of collecting, the one favoring the stamps issued prior to 1914, and the other concentrating its attention upon the more modern philatelic products of the War and post-War periods. Both groups have much to commend them, but the latter is proving by far the more popular with philatelists of today.

The present edition of "Field's War Stamp Catalogue" deals only with stamps issued under authority of the Allied Nations during and subsequent to the Great War, as being of primary interest to philatelists of the Entente. It includes the latest issues for the Mandatory territories, and may therefore be regarded as a fairly complete and comprehensive guide to Allied War Stamps.

The lists of varieties have been subjected to rigorous revisions, as well as the prices, which may be taken as a reliable index to current values. Amongst the ever popular "Occupation" series, those of New Britain, Samoa, Baghdad, Bushire, and Togo have been entirely rewritten in the light of the latest authentic information. Historical notes throughout the catalogue have been greatly simplified, and some hundreds of new illustrations added, thus enhancing its value as a work of reference.

The work is, of course, indispensable to every collector in the enormous class for which it caters.

IT TAKES a long time in this world to get a good collection.

KEEP THE SPARK OF PHILATELY ALIVE.

Stamp collecting is a hobby that is fortunate to keep a greater percentage of its devotees than most any other hobby, and those that do give up collecting, do so for the reason that the enthusiasm is permitted to wane either by not having a live collector in the neighborhood, or by not being supplied with sufficient matters of interest to keep in touch with the hobby. The greatest aid we know of to make the hobby of collecting stamps interesting and beneficial is to keep in touch with it through stamp publications. There are many which should be on every collector's desk, and it is better to receive a few too many, than not enough. Entirely too many collectors work on the idea that the subscription price will buy a good stamp or two, not for a moment thinking that a little knowledge may save the price several times. We will from time to time enclose subscription slips, and we urge you to subscribe to as many as you can possibly afford.

Should any collector wish us to suggest worthy publications, we will be glad to do so.—Stamp Itis.

Stamp Collecting Says: Bright & Son's "ABC" Descriptive Priced Catalogue of Foreign Countries (extra European), April, 1923, 3s. 6d post free.

A considerable increase in the volume of Messrs. Bright & Son's business has, notwithstanding a much larger staff, delayed the publication of the Twelfth Edition of Part III of their well known and justly popular "ABC" catalogue.

Although heavy taxation has diminished the purchasing power of many old clients, this has been more than made up by the demands of a much larger number of collectors, and the stamp-issuing countries in this new volume have received a fair share of attention from them.

The lists have been revised wherever necessary, but special attention is called to the rearrangement of the middle issues of Persia, which have been much simplified and, at the same time, extended.

A large number of new issues have been added, and the catalogue has been brought right up to date, the new 1 dollar United States being the last stamp actually listed.

The 356 pages and copious U. S. illustrations make really splendid value for the nominal price asked for this excellent priced guide to all foreign countries other than those in Europe.

The Angora government in Turkey has issued a new stamp—and possibly an entire series—with a design that shows a soldier holding a rifle with a fixed bayonet. The Turkish inscription reads:

"Independence is the right of my nation. My nation worships the truth, and my flag is the flag of the free."

There seems to be a scramble to get the new issues by some of us who have not even secured the late series complete. Better get a complete set of the old while the getting is good. In a year or two it may mean a lost opportunity if you don't get them.

WASTE MOTION not when a collector is going through a pound purchase of stamps.

THE PHILATELIC WEST

DANISH ARMENIAN CHARITY STAMP.

A charity stamp is being sold in Denmark for the purpose of raising money to feed starving Armenian children. The central figure on the stamp is a woman shielding two children with the Danish flag. In the back ground Turkish soldiers are killing defenseless Armenians. The legend above reads: "This stamp pays for a meal for a starving Armenian child." Below: "The Danish Armenian Friends."

STAMPS FOR PASTEUR.

Paris—The minister of posts and telegraphs intends to issue a new 50 centimes stamp for international usage which will bear the effigy of the great scientist Pasteur, the centenary, of whose death is shortly to be commemorated.

In reading the New ABC of Stamp Collecting of 160 pages I was struck with the subtle, but forceful, way in which it brings out an interesting point. In the preface is an interesting note recalling how the earlier "ABC," published twenty years ago made many new collectors and "helped to lay the foundations of the largest and most progressive society of stamp collectors in the world, the Junior Philatelic Society, which has now its thousands of members scattered all over the world. The book will appeal to every beginner—to join us at the first opportunity. We need such books in U. S. For philately in the public libraries I think we can make some very good use of it. I want to suggest that every reader should make a special visit to his nearest public library and enter "The New ABC of Stamp Collecting" in the "suggestion book." Public libraries are rather deficient in general philatelic literature, and every stamp collector could do a little useful extension work by urging his local librarian to lay in a few of the best general handbooks on our favorite subject. Make a start with the "New ABC"—as it only costs 2/6 it would not be extravagant to present it, but see that philately is not neglected in your local library.—The Stamp Lover.

"The collector of little courage is sometimes inclined to view the wealth of stamps that passes through the sale rooms as an omen of sad times for Philately. But this is very far from being the case. The soundness of Philately from the investment point of view depends largely upon the constant course of transactions in rare and valuable stamps upon the open market. The fact that there is a continuous market for philatelic property imparts a confidence in the investor, and there has been no scarcity of buyers for all classes of the older stamp issues in good condition.

The reasons why collectors part with albums that have provided them with years of recreative interest are varied. To a large extent collections are retained throughout life's span, but their subsequent fate is frequently the sale room, where the treasures that one collector has gathered together may pass on and give new joy to others. Few collectors of standing ever desert stamps altogether in life: they may part with their collections of some countries to provide the means of exploring new pastures, and this is one of the chief sources of the supply of fine specialised and general collections for the sale room."—Philatelic Magazine.

Under the Old Appletree, a hot day, an apple fell on my head. I renewed my subscription to the West.—Sir Isaac Newton.

WAR CENSOR AND CANCELLATION MARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird.

(Continued from last issue.)

On mail originating in Mesopotamia, the type of cancellation used is that of the Indian Expeditionary Force. It is circular shaped, the outer ring measuring $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter. Two parallel lines $\frac{1}{2}$ an inch apart, go from one side of the ring to the other. The words No. 31 appear at the top of this space made by the two lines and the date in the lower part of the space. A second ring $\frac{1}{4}$ of an inch smaller than the outer appears but does not cut through the space formed by the two parallel lines, thus leaving a double ring at top and bottom only. The letters "F. P. O." appear within the upper part of the ring. This type of cancellation is always found on the back of the envelope. I have also noticed a distinct type of censor mark on Mesopotamian mail. It consists of a double ring, the outer ring being 1 inch in diameter. The words "Passed" within the two rings at the top, and "Censor" at the bottom. On the inside of the inner circle is the letter "D." This was a rubber stamp impression and generally found in red ink. Several covers that I have also bear an oval stamp reading, "1st Battalion, Highland Light Infantry; Orderly Room." One other cover that went from England to Mesopotamia and back has two interesting war cancellations. One is a double ring cancellation with the words Base R. L. O. at top within the two rings, at the bottom "M. E. F." The letters "R. L. O." meant returned letter office, and the bottom letters Mesopotamian Expeditionary Force. The other is a cancellation very blurred, but the words "Postal Section" are visible. On the front are rubber stamps, stating "Present location uncertain."

In the early part of this item I referred to the post marks used generally in Egypt. I have the skeleton type of Army Post Office in S Z 9, S Z 10, the Base Army Post Office in T (Port Said) and the Field Post Office in "S. M." I also have two other Base Office cancellations. Both are double rings with the words Base Office at top, within the rings; two bars $\frac{1}{2}$ inch apart form a space giving the date and time in two lines, with the word "Del'y" above, the letter "G" below. The other has only the date in the space made by the bars, and the letter "G" above.

South Africa had some distinctive cancellations, but also used the Indian Expeditionary Force type also. For instance I have letters with No. 306 on the back, showing that it came from troops in East Africa. To prove this, an oblong rubber stamp on front reads:

Passed by
Postal Censor

—
Dar—es—Salam

This was formerly one of the principal towns of German East Africa. Another cover is mailed from Br. East Africa, but only bears the regular "Nairobi, Br. East Africa" postmark. There is a rubber stamp on it that reads, "Passed by postal censor, Mombasa." The Mombasa postmark appears on the back. On another there is a postmark of the double ring type, reading "Contonments" at the top and "Potchefstroom" at the bottom; the date being in one line in the center. This is a distinctive South African postmark. Another South African army post mark appears and is as follows; double ring, 32 m. m. the inner ring cut by the date. Above are words, "Army Base Post Office," below, figure 4. The word "South" is over the date, "Africa"

under the date, each in a straight line in the center. There is also a special censor stamp evidently made by a steel hand stamp. It is of the double ring type, "Postage Free" at the top, and "Passed Censor" at the bottom.

A postmark that is no doubt scarcer than others is one appearing on a soldier's letter from what was formerly German So. West Africa. It is the double ring type, with the name of the town "Aus" at the top, and "S. W. Africa" at the bottom. A rubber stamp has the words "Passed by Censor," also the same thing in Dutch.

A cover from Simonstown has a rubber stamp in the place where the postmark generally goes. It is oblong shaped with two parallel lines running across the entire length, about one-half an inch apart. This space contains the date. In the lower space is the figure "15." Another cover has the regular Simonstown postmark on it, in addition there is a large oval rubber stamp. At the top, "German W. A.," below "Official free." In the center O. C. Prince Alfred's Guard." Another similar rubber stamp appears on a letter from Wymber Cape. Only at the top of the oval, there is a crown. Below the crown it reads "Army South Africa," while "Official Free" appears in the center.

I think I have covered pretty near all of the various types of English military marks, and really think they had the best postal system of any of the various armies in the field.

THE SPORTS OF KINGS.

The King of England collects postage stamps. At a recent auction sale he was outbidden for a rare stamp that he wanted by a well-known collector. When the collector found that he had been bidding against royalty, he promptly offered the stamp to His Majesty. But the King, being a good sport, refused to accept it. He offered, however, to swap one of his own stamps for it.

The English are lucky in having such a king. Of all the diversions known to man, none is more harmless than that of collecting postage stamps. It does not involve the grave dangers of chasing butterflies or playing pool. Many a butterfly chaser has stumbled over a rock; many a pool player has fallen off the table.

It must be gratifying to the English to know that their monarch is not needlessly risking his life and that postage stamps interest him. It leaves them free to work out the great problems of democracy that confronts them.

As long as they have a king they are saved the spectacle of politicians scrambling for the highest office in the land. And as long as their king is interested in postage stamps they know that he will not attempt to take the reins of government into his own hands.

It will be a grand day for democracy when all kings and hereditary rulers become absorbed in collecting postage stamps. They might form a club—Monte Carlo or Patagonia would be a good place—and spend all their time there swapping blues and green and mauves, etc.

It has often been said that if Cleopatra's nose had been a little longer the world's history would have been changed.

If Woodrow Wilson had gone to Paris to collect postage stamps, instead of butting into the European game of diplomacy, the world today would be much better off.—Washington Herald.

FOREIGN REVENUE NEWS OR NEARLY SO.— By Oscar T. Hartmann

Austria. The 10,000 Kronen revenue stamp has made its appearance, dated 1922. The 2,000 and 5,000 Kr. and the 10,000 Kronen are blue and on handrushed paper. There is also a 1,000, 500 and 200 Kronen, same paper, dated 1920. Received the 50, 100 and 200 Kronen on thick paper issue 1922. There is also a 30 heller.

On February 1, 1923, the tax on way bills was increased from 2K to 200K, and 20K to 2,000 Kronen. To simplify matters on the stamped in papers, they issued 2 values, a 198 Kronen and a 1980 Kronen as supplementary values. They are of a provisional nature. The 198 was printed on the 30 heller and the 1980 Kr. on the 5 Kronen value 1922. The initials are: No. II F. E. M. and No. I F. E. M., which means, freight—additional—stamp.

The smoker's card has been discontinued. The reading translated is: The possessor of the card is according to the measure under certain rules permitted at the official appointed tobacco stores the weekly amount, which is weekly announced to buy product of tobacco against presentation of the card and coupon and payment of the tariff fixed for that week. The card has 52 coupons and cost 2 Kronen. The milk cards are still in force.

The Hungarian revenues of 1914, 20 and 22 are all nearly the same designs except date and color.

Central Lithuania has a set of seven values: 1, 5, 10, 20, 40, 100 and 200 Marks. As I know, the country has ceased as individual state, and this set should prove good.

Iraq (Mesopotamia) surcharged the number 3 and 4 postage with the additional word, "revenue." The postage list \$100.00 each. So the larger lot must have been surcharge revenue.

I have six values Salvador with date surcharge: 1917 in two types. The report is that the set of ten has been surcharged this way for many years, only the dates differ.

I have a 72c British Guiana, perf. on 3 sides 14, and one one side 12½. Quite an oddity.

Barbados made with a 1d lilac (King George) its first appearance as a revenue stamp.

Germany has a new set for income tax in 1922. I have the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 Marks and will get the rest up to 2,000 M. The designs are all different.

I am now in position to give of Poland a fairly complete list of its revenues as far as the three issues are concerned with the exception of the fenigen (pfennig) values of the first issue. In 1917 the first issues perforated 10, 16, 20, 34, 40, 50 h. and imperf. the same values with addition of IK. Of the fenigen value I have only the 10 and 4 Ruble. The 34h is scarce. Same designs but different colors. The second issue, 1920, lower values blue, Mark values brown. Perf. 10, 20, 40, 50 f. 1, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 50 Mark. Imperf. same values. The 40f seems to be the scarcest value. The third issue, 1922, diff. colors, 2 designs, comprised the values 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 M., single color; 50, 100, 200, 500 Marks in 2 colors. The whole series you can find with the surcharge Waluta Polska.

U. S. Permits, high numbers: N. Y. 5973, Chicago 2653 and Boston 1174.

The 2c new design postage plate numbers used in Denver I have seen are: 14177, 78, 79, 80 and 85. All have in front a small control letter: F.

VANITY AND PHILATELY.—By Mr. Geo. Robey at the Stamp Congress.

For once Mr. George Robey "desisted" from being funny when he addressed the Philatelic Congress on the "Stimulus of Stamps". In a revue at the Hippodrome he had mentioned the fact that he was a philatelist and the house rocked with laughter! However! Today he wished to be taken seriously. Stamp collecting had proved a great asset and a comfort in his life. He had a preference for variety in stamps as well as on the boards. Just now he was specializing in Portuguese products—but not the vintage that came from Oporto. His paper was a modest suggestion for the extension of interest in philately. Like the stamp dealers he was always anxious to help other people to collect stamps. Professional men found much solace and recreation in stamps and it would be a good thing if they would all record the particular way in which stamp collecting appealed to them. For himself he was a doctor of sorts, a specialist in cures for the blues, and the theatre was his dispensary. During the long waits between acts and while on tour his stamps were his boon companions, and helped to while away the weary hours. He never traveled without his stamp album. Philately had given him a breadth of vision. He could talk familiarly of foreign countries to men who had traveled in them because of the knowledge gained from his stamps. Sometimes he told them more than they knew themselves! Just to lend local color he always inquired after a certain Mr. Brown of Sarawak, Paqua, Nicaragua, or wherever it chanced to be. He was even getting a knowledge of the charming but haughty goddesses of Greece and Crete. Stamps were symbols of a great system which enabled you and I to write to each other. That reminded him of the story of a young man who treasured the stamp off his sweetheart's letter and frequently kissed the gummed side where her fair lips had touched, until he discovered she invariably moistened her stamps on the wet tip of poor Fido's nose! This, he thought should give fresh incentive to the collecting of stamps with original gum. Stamp collecting was a highbrow study, but that suited him for he went in for "eye-brow" studies himself.

NEW EDITION OF PHILATELIC REFERENCE BOOK.

The first installment of "Kohls Briefmarken-Handbuch" (Kohl's Handbook on Stamps) has been received from the publisher. It is the 11th edition of this monumental philatelic reference work, compiled and revised by Dr. Herbert Munk, assisted by experts and noted stamp collectors in the world. It is planned on a large scale and will contain a complete history and description of every stamp issue to date. The idea of the publisher is clearly to crowd the most information possible into this work. The first installment, covering Afghanistan—Bahama, consists of 160 closely printed pages on fine, thin paper, profusely illustrated. The complete work will be issued in 20—30 consecutive numbers, following each other with intervals of about three months, and every 6—8 numbers will be united in a volume.

The handbook is printed in the German language, but this should afford the average stamp collector and student of philatelic history but little difficulty.

M. S.

Our next issue will illustrate many of fine cuts of Walpole Galleries, N. Y., and expect to give many prices they sold at last sale. No. 472 Napoleon shot gun sold at \$1,050.00.

SPREADING STAMP COLLECTING.—By C. Lat. Wilhelm.

You have some friends, you say, who should, but who do not at present take any interest in stamp collecting. Here's a tip how to convert them.

One, we'll say, has artistic talent.—Some evening when you know he is calling, scatter a few dozen South American envelopes on the table—those beautifully tinted, artistic envelopes.

Another friend is perhaps fond of animals. Seduce him with, say, some of those Nyassa stamps showing the long neck fellows under the overspreading trees. Here's how it will work: "Hullo," says your friend. "Here's some topping animals—on postage stamps, too! I say, do they put animals on stamps?" That's your cue. Gently produce other examples—not the album, for that will frighten him off. Handle him deftly, and, nine chances out of ten, before he leaves he has found out where to get those stamps (if you haven't given him some) and has become an enthusiastic collector.

Take your friend the banker, show him the financial side of stamp collecting. That other friend, the teacher, tell him of the educational aspect of philately, how pupils learn geography and history from stamps, how it teaches history, currency, etc. Or your scientific friend, explain to him how philately has attained the dignity of a science, of the intensive research that has been, and is being, made in it, of the thousands of earnest workers in philately all over the world. And so on, indefinitely.

These methods, to look at the matter seriously, are only a few of those that can be used to spread philately. Not that philately is not better known at the present time than ever it was before, for the interest aroused by the war issues and the extensive publicity given to stamp collecting the world over by its earnest students and missionaries has made it the best known and most popular of all hobbies. But there are thousands upon thousands of persons, young and old, at present non-collectors, who could take up stamps to their profit.

The world never was so badly in need of a good, clean, healthful hobby as at the present time, in this period of widespread unrest.

Stamp collecting is the ideal hobby. It furnishes clean, healthful, instructive, and remunerative recreation. It is for the child as well as for the adult. It is adapted to the child, with his penny collection or the millionaire, with his advanced costly collections. It has more ramifications than any other hobby. It teaches methods of printing, of engraving, inks, colors, papers, history, geography, fiscal systems, etc.

It is simply stamp collecting—the mere accumulation of various issues—or it is philately in the advanced sense, with the scientific aspect. And, it is safe to say, it has more earnest, faithful followers, and it is growing faster than any other hobby.

In the year, just come in, philately is going to make greater strides than ever, and America and England, joining hands in pursuit, will make it another link in the many of a friendly nature that bind the two nations closer and closer for all time.

Forty thousand ruble's worth of stamps on letter from Russia. Received for by Dr. Gregory Zillboorg, now in St. Louis directing plays at the Artist's Guild. A ruble before the war was equivalent to 52 cents in American money.



BOILED DOWN

ORIGINAL OR OTHERWISE

Keep you stamp albums in such perfect order that you are proud to show them.

NOBODY CAN understand how silly it is to buy a poor coin—until exhibiting it.

Everybody, everywhere who collects, sells, buys or exchanges needs the WEST.

DON'T WORRY, FUSS OR PERSPIRE—an adv. in the "West" will render you calm and collected.

One paper reports U. S. Revenues five times scarcer than U. S. Postage, that is saying a mouthful.

Come on you farmers turn your squashes and pumpkins into stamps and enjoy the long winter evenings.

Jacques Thibaud, the famous French violinist, uses a rare Stradivarius violin that was once the property of Baillot.

Miss Mary E. Porter of New Britain, Conn., has a collection of over 800 dolls gathered from all parts of the world.

The mummified head of Oliver Cromwell, now belongs to Horace Wilkinson, of Seal Chart, near Seven Oaks, England.

The Nebraska state museum has received a small cedar tree trunk, eight to nine feet long, found and dug out of the Kansas glacial drift at Militia Hollow, near Hamburg, Ia., by C. F. Smalley, a university student.

Carl Miller, the movie actor, is a collector of old books, and has in his Hollywood home a fine library including many rarities and numbered editions. His taste runs to the classics, the bizarre, and the deluxe, philosophy and standard works making a greater appeal than modern fiction.

It may interest philatelists in foreign countries to know that a new surcharge is in use at present in India. Since the postal rates have increased, the government of India is issuing the old one anna stamp with the words "Nine Pies" printed over the stamp and a printed bar line cancels the word "One Anna."

Advertise in large or small amounts. 'Tis regularity that counts.

Mr. Fred J. Melville is responsible for the suggestion that the remarkable and in many respects unique, collection of philatelic rarities formed by the late Mr. W. S. Lincoln, oldest stamp dealer, which is to be sold under the terms of his will, should be acquired as the basis of a national philatelic museum.

A Chicago negro started dealing in postage stamps but he says: "De ducks got 'bout all dat profit." "What do you mean by the ducks got it?" "Well, you see I send dat stamps an' dey deduct the postage and registration, an' dey deducts the commission, an' dey deducts dey federal tax. Yes, sah, de ducts got 'bout all de profit so I done quit."



WEAPONS SOLD BY WALPOLE GALLERIES, NEW YORK.

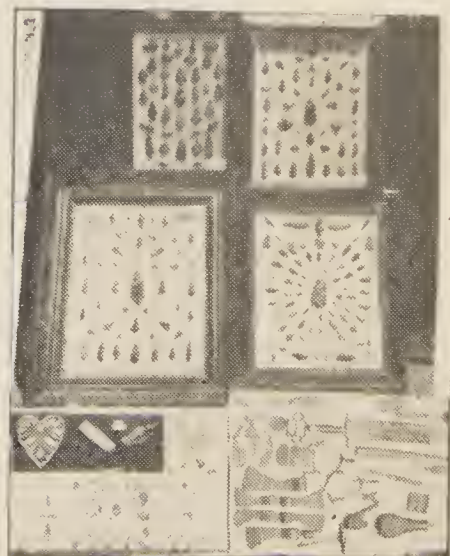


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Ft. Dodge, Ia.
Coin Dealer. See Ad.

JOE DENNIE,
Herrin, Ill.
Stamp Dealer.
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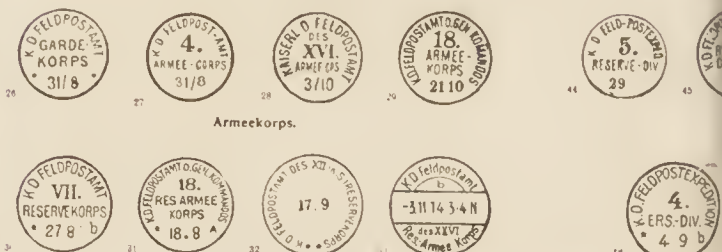
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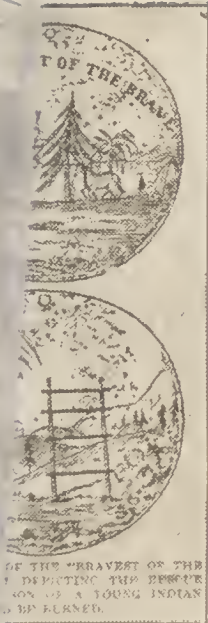
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FOREIGN POSTMARKS.



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WILD CAT BILLS.





Above—
Weapons Sold by
Walpole Galleries,
New York.



Side—
A Corner in Den of
Firearm Collector.



Omaha Exposition
Medal

NUMISMATICS



Of all antiquities coins are the smallest, yet, as a class, the most authoritatively in record, and the widest in range. No history is so unbroken as that which they tell; no geography so complete; no art so continuous in sequence; nor so broad in extent; no mythology so ample and so various. Unknown kings, lost towns, forgotten divinities, new schools of art, have here their authentic record.

Please send us notes and clippings on coins, coinage, currency, medals, etc. We will appreciate such a favor and give credit for all that is sent. In co-operating with us in this way you will help make the contents of our department more interesting. M. SORENSON, 405 E AVENUE WEST, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The early pioneers of the West had very little real money to carry on their business with. Barter flourished. The need of money was relieved to some extent when private firms started to coin the gold from the mines. This condition existed in many parts of the country. The private issues of coins have previously been described in this magazine.

It happened that American fiction, describing life in the early West, contains numismatic items of interest. Recently in reading "The Heritage of the Desert," by Zane Grey, page 21, I found the following item, revealing the lack of a circulating medium among the Mormons in Utah:

"By-the-way," he went on, as they mounted the store steps, "here's the kind of money we use in this country." He handed Hare a slip of blue paper, a written check for a sum of money, signed, but without register of bank or name of firm. "We don't use real money," he added. "There's very little coin or currency in southern Utah. Most of the Gentiles lately come in have money, and some of us Mormons have a bag or two of gold, but scarcely any of it gets into circulation. We use these checks, which go from man to man sometimes for six months. The round-up of a check means sheep, cattle, horses, grain, merchandise or labor. Every man gets his real money's value without paying out an actual cent."

How historically correct this may be is left to the reader's conjecture.

The Austrian mint has received an order from the Bulgarian government for the coinage on its behalf of 40 million one leva and 20 million two leva pieces. The execution of this order will keep the mint fully employed for the space of nine months.

The Italian Government has bought the fine numismatic collection of Commendatore Francesco Guecchi for 1,400,000 lire, thus saving its dispersal and loss to Italy. The Italian King's interest in coins is well known, and His Majesty has himself a fine collection. It is said the King interested himself personally in order that the Guecchi collection should pass into the hands of the state. Among the coins, which total 20,400, there are 53 gold pieces and 2900 silver pieces belonging to the times of the ancient Roman Republic, as well as some rare examples of coins of the empire. The collection is to be housed in the National Museum in Rome.

AUTOGRAPH NOTES.—By "Autto Graphe."

Many people have most curious ideas as to the value of Autographs. These ideas are mainly derived from reading newspaper accounts of the amounts realized for historical items of great interest. A letter of Abraham Lincoln, if of great historic interest, may sell up to \$1,000; an ordinary one for \$100, or less. Not so long ago a party in Minnesota wrote to me offering to sell me a parchment document signed by Lincoln (worth about \$30 to \$35.00). He said he would part with it BECAUSE HE WANTED TO BUILD A NEW HOME. He also had "the only known genuine autograph of General Henry Knox of the Revolution"—(worth about \$2.00). This he was willing to sacrifice for the mere pittance of \$500.00. Needless to say, my collection was not enriched by these gems.

In the British Museum is the original of the MAGNA CHARTA, granted by King John of England in 1215. I'd hate to even guess at the financial value of this parchment. At a guess, I'd say that if it were offered at a sale, it would bring up to \$100,000.00,—or possibly more even.

The old English castles are a treasure-trove to an autograph collector,—that is, they would be if he could buy things in them. Henham House has the original letter written by Charles II to Sir Robert Rous, written while Charles was in Breda, prior to the Restoration; Hatfield House, built in 1108 has a wonderful collection of manuscripts. Many of these are priceless and have rested here for centuries. Among the Treasures sheltered by this ancient castle are: The original 42 ARTICLES, signed by Edward VI; also Cardinal Wolsey's instructions to the Ambassador sent to Rome by Henry VIII; also the ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPT of William of Malmesbury's "HISTORY OF ENGLAND;" many books from the library of Henry VI, with his autograph; the original letter of Lord Burghley to Queen Elizabeth relative to the disposal of Mary Queen of Scots; the draft of the original Proclamation, in the autograph of Sir Robert Cecil, declaring James King of England; and there are also several A. L. S. of Queen Elizabeth. In all, this castle shelters some 13,000 historical letters and manuscripts. Then: Holkam Hall contains some 13 ORIGINAL MANUSCRIPTS OF LIVY.

Some time since I had the pleasure of seeing a letter written by Daniel Webster in 1804, when he was a lad of 22 years. I received permission to transcribe it, and I will quote a few of the most interesting passages. "A part of a cold Sunday shall be employed in writing to you. Prevented by the WEATHER from manifesting my devotion at church, I will manifest it by friendship. There is nothing that gives me more pleasure than a sociable family letter. I went to Concord a few days since, just to see SOPHIA and get my cheats, etc. I was really cheated Well, tell her not to hurry making my FLUMDIDDLES. I shall not want them till Commencement. No progress in electioneering as yet. These folks, you know, are "Ever busy, ever alive." The Feds., as their manner is, sit still and high at the depravity of the times. But sighs and tears and broken hearts are not worth a biscuit—they CANNOT GET A VOTE. The prospect is that a good Democrat will be chosen," etc. etc. Little did the silver-tongued Daniel ever think this letter would be published 119 years later.

If you are a beginner, or wish to start collecting Autographs, do not hesitate to write me, care of Mr. Brodstone. If I can be of any assistance to you, do not fail to call upon me. No fee of any kind desired.

I am always amused when I read a letter of Governor John Holmes, written to his wife while he was a Representative in Congress: "I am almost ashamed to write you—ashamed of my State,—not, not of my State, but of the stupid asses who represent, or rather MISREPRESENT it. I did not expect, or even dream of SUCH a result, GOD SAVE THE STATE."—Old John was slightly freer when writing the "Frau" than otherwise, eh?

A certain St. Louis collector has in his collection an Autograph Poem written by a well-known living poet:

"O wine and women, both were mine last night—
The wine was Jamie's—and the women, too;
We drank and lov'd almost till morning's light,
And now I feel accordingly, don't you?"

I shall clip this quatrain from the West and mail it to the author, to see if he remembers penning it. If said gentleman's wife ever read that, good-by Richard L———. I may say this, in extenuation: it was penned some 20 years ago—just after the author had arrived from England.

One is oftentimes much amused by newspaper articles dealing with "Autograph Collections." How often, OH, HOW OFTEN! does one read an article about the wonderful autograph collection of Mr. Blank or Miss Whoozis. As a general thing these collections are worth about 3472 German paper marks, or more so. I recently saw an article devoted to the "remarkable collection" owned by a Pennsylvania woman. This "collection" contained autograph signatures of such notable rarity as S. Willard, S. Ward, Jack-Phillip, W. T. Sampson, etc., etc. If this lady ever sends the collection to a dealer for an offer, she will have an'norful shock.

Possibly you have heard the anecdote of the young New Zealander who wrote to Geo. Bernard Shaw, requesting his autograph? The request drew forth the characteristically genial advice from G. B. S. to "set fire to the collection and sit on the top of it."

A clipping from an English newspaper affords us a real laugh:—"Reginald B——— says he is the world's autograph King, having secured the signatures of 15,000 celebrities since 1900. (Me, I didna ken there wa so many) quite without influence. His 'bag' during the war includes Wilson, Haig, Foch, Beatty, Jellico, Maude, Vedrines, etc., etc. Until I read this dispatch, I was not sure who the most hated man in the world was. Now I know: for Reginald had exactly 15,000 enemies.

By the way, if he is the autograph "King," who desires the nomination of "Crown Quinte?"

If you want to hunt for a "tough" one, just try and get hold of a letter written by Sidney Porter "O. Henry," y'now. You will have a fine young task on your lily-white hands, believe me.

The original manuscript of the first book of "PARADISE LOST", John Milton's great classic, is in the possession of the Clinton-Baker family in England. Some years ago, it was offered at Sotheby'd, and ran up to the not inconsiderable sum of \$23,750.00. Henry Clinton-Baker, the owner, did not let it go, however, bidding it in for himself. Personally, I'd say that \$23,750.00 would be a good price for it.

An amusing anecdote is related of one collector who wrote to Mr. Rudyard Kipling, asking for his autograph. Kipling's Secretary responded, stating that Mr. Kipling received \$1.00 per word for his writings. Our insistent

friend then sent one dollar to Mr. Kipling for a "sample". Mr. Kipling merely wrote "THANKS" on a sheet and returned it. But wait! Did our friend get stung thus. Nay nay, Pauline! HE SOLD THE ANECDOTE TO A MAGAZINE FOR \$2.00.

Autographs of Woodrow Wilson seem to be advancing in value. A well known dealer recently told me the following: That Civil War autographs can be bought very cheaply now; that Members of Continental Can be procured likewise. That Presidents of the U. S. were advancing very rapidly, as were high class literary items; that Royalty were better than holding their own; that autographs of the Popes were advancing; that World War autographs were showing a decrease. A. L. S. of Chief-Justice John Marshall are good property. A few years ago, they could be bought for \$12.00 to \$15.00, easily. I would give \$25.00 for a fine one right now—A FINE ONE, I SAID.

I might state right here and now, that I am no dealer, so that I have no autographs for sale. I do, however, buy good ones.

Anytime you hear of anything of interest: an autograph "find" or the like, why not report it, and share it with your fellow collectors? Send it to me in c/o of Mr. Brodstone, who will gladly forward it to me. I thank you.

Time and tide willing, I'll be with you in spirit next month!

"DULL DOGS" WHO HAVE NO HOBBY.

Viscount Leverhulme, speaking at an exhibition of hobbies of his employees at Port Sunlight on April 12th, said the hobby of collecting was the greatest joy of life and within the reach of everyone.

Some pictures he collected years ago were now worth 20 to 100 times the original price. For a black vase in the Lady Lever gallery bought at the extravagant price of £800, the lowest sum he had been offered was £10,000 and the highest £30,000.

The Marquis of Carisbrooke, who opened the exhibition said people without a hobby were dull dogs.

ALUMINUM COINS SOON TO CIRCULATE IN BERLIN.

Berlin, May 30.—It is estimated that there will soon be 210,000,000,000 marks in aluminum "small change" in circulation. The enormous depreciation of the mark has made the pfennig pieces such insignificant bits that they have disappeared from virtually all cash tills. Before the war there were one and two pfennig coins in copper, five, ten and twenty-five pfennig pieces in nickel, and fifty pfennig coins in silver, besides the ten and twenty mark gold pieces.

Mrs. Ilsen Nathalie Gaylord, of 448 Audubon Road, Boston, who is a reader of the West, is the editor of the natural history department in the well known juvenile magazine, The Children's Hour. She also gives nature lessons to the little crippled children in hospitals and homes for crippled children, a most commendable work.

Albert H. Griffith, the well known collector of Lincolniana, who lives at Fisk, Wis., recently delivered an address on "Lincoln Literature, Lincoln Collections and Lincoln Collectors," before the Candlelight Club, of Oshkosh, Wis., and the Daily Northwestern of Oshkosh, gave more than half a column review of the address, which was full of interest.

THE OBSERVER.

Visitors to the Lincoln National Museum in Washington may be interested to know that O. H. Oldroyd, a veteran of the Civil War, was the founder and continues to be the manager of the famous Oldroyd collection of Lincoln mementoes. The collection is located in the house in which Lincoln died, directly opposite Ford's theater. Mr. Oldroyd when keeper of a newstand in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, in 1860 began his collection of Lincoln mementoes.

Special recognition of the recent stamp exhibition held at Boston was given by the post office department in placing the Grover Cleveland twelve-cent stamp on sale in Boston the first day, March 20th. Washington, D. C., and Caldwell, New Jersey, were the two other places where they were sold. I notice several "ads" selling one cover cancelled from Caldwell at \$1.00 each.

A rare collection of 6,000 volumes and 2,000 original 18th century drawings, has recently been shipped from France to America. It is called the great Roederer library, and was considered one of the best in France. It is a souvenir of the war-scorched City of Rheims. Before the German attack on the city the collection was sent to Paris. Previous to the war it had been collected and treasured in Rheims for years.

Probably not many of the "West" readers who have not read the book, "The Americanization of Edward Bok," realize that he was a great collector of autographs. As editor with a salary of \$100,000 a year, our friends who do not believe in hobbies, would think it foolish. Mr. Bok in his book tells of several visits to many literary people and obtaining their autograph, or even a verse or two of poetry.

On account of being unable to get a good engraving of Yosemite Falls, which was to be the subject of the new 20-cent stamp, the Golden Gate will be substituted. This engraving will be made from Coulter's oil painting of the entrance to San Francisco Bay.

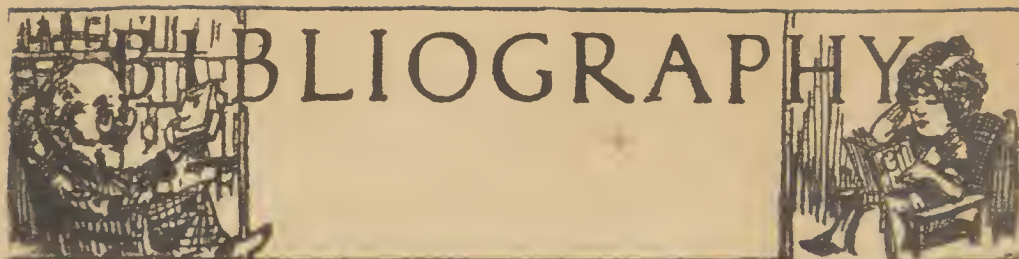
The permanent American exhibit is one of the most complete and remarkable of all the allied armies war souvenirs in the French army museum at the Invalides, Paris; inauguration of which took place recently. The exhibit includes portraits, models of engines of war, uniforms, and other interesting mementos. It was assembled by Col. T. Bentley Mott, American military attache in Paris.

One of the greatest things that helped to keep the morale up in our army during the late war, was the publishing of company or divisional newspapers. We all remember how welcome the "Stars and Stripes" was to the boys. The "Amaroc News" published in Germany by the American army of occupation was on the job up to the day of departure. The final issue dated Jan. 24th should be a valuable relic in any of our museums. An interesting cartoon appeared on the front page entitled "Time to go home sonny." It represented the soldier crying, at his feet were German toy blocks arranged so as to spell "Pilsner," and other similar suggestions that made it hard for the soldiers to leave.

NEW ISSUES.

Iron coins, black and white enamel, with hole in center, have been issued in Thale a Harz, Germany. The denominations we have seen to date are Mark 33 and Mark 5.

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John Filson's, "The Discovery," settlement and the present state of Kentucky is a semi-rare Kentucky item. One sold recently for \$160.00.

A very rare item and the only one which exists is Blake's, "Illustrations of the Book of Job." One sold recently for \$3,125.00.

The complete edition of "Bunyan's Pilgrim's Progress" printed in 1679 is a \$2,000.00 item.

Bobby Burns' Poems first edition changed hands for \$2,000.00.

The Trail magazine published in Denver is running a very good serial called "Way Out West." Lovers of this material would do well to read it.

Prices on Americana are still going skyward. The following items and prices will speak for themselves.

A short time ago at a local auction sale I bought a small lot of books for 10c. Among them I found a copy of "Fry's Guide Across the Plains" published in Cincinnati in 1865. I had no trouble selling it to a New York dealer for \$50.00.

Velasco's Narrative of California, 1850, \$305.00.

California's Railroad's by George, 1871, \$150.00.

Original edition of Hasting's Guide, 1845, \$500.00.

Snow's History of Mormons, 1852, \$300.00.

At a recent sale in Chicago first editions of Standard Authors in sets, brought record returns as will be seen from following quotations: Jane Austen collected set, first edition, \$775.00. Scott's complete set, first editions \$615.00. Henry Fielding set, first editions, \$550.00.

The Harvard University Library contains 2,187,000 books and pamphlets, one of the largest in the world.

Question—Who was the first American to publish a book in this country? Answer—A volume of poems by Mrs. Anne Bradstreet, issued in 1640.

A manuscript of one of the Rudyard Kipling's first stories in the "Jungle Book," sold for \$4,000.00.

MAGELLAN'S HELMET.

A brass helmet worn by Magellan in 1521 when he was killed in the Philippines while making the first round the world voyage has been discovered by Major H. D. Selton, United States army. The helmet, dented from blows received in battle but in good condition, was purchased from a Moro chieftain by the officer, who ascertained its history through tribal traditions.

COLLECTION OF WEAPONS SHOWS HISTORY OF ARMS.

The development of firearms from pre-Revolutionary days to the present is epitomized in the almost perfect collection of weapons of John C. Ault, of 813 Virginia street, Martins Ferry who started as a collector in the spring of 1887 and now has what is possibly the finest personal collection of small arms in the country.

Most of the rifles, muskets, pistols and revolvers in the collection are of American make. Two muskets, manufactured at a Virginia armory, are dated a year apart, the earliest being 1804 and the other 1805.

The next series is of the Springfield armory, all made for the United States forces. The dates of these muskets are 1806, 1808, 1810 and 1813. The workmanship on all of these is similar, with the more recent guns having some adjustments lacking in the preceding weapons. All are flintlocks.

Another series of flintlock muskets includes four from the United States Arsenal at Harper's Ferry. The dates of these guns are 1816, 1818, 1826, and 1827. In the latter pieces is forecast the rifle that was shortly to make its general appearance in the country. Though many people in the new republic were employing different types of the rifle, the army clung to the regulation flint lock musket.

A muzzle loading rifle, dated 1814, from the Harper's Ferry armory, is one of the first rifled pieces in Mr. Ault's collection. It is notable for the depth of the riflings, these being unusually prominent in the bore of the piece.

An early breech loading piece is dated from the Harper's Ferry arsenal 1826. It is one of the earliest breech loading pieces in the entire collection. In all the rifles, the flint lock has been replaced by the percussion lock, and this persists throughout the major part of the series until the more modern pieces are reached.

The collection of pistols and revolvers if anything exceeds his store of muskets and rifles. Of the latter pair he has over 150 varying pieces, with many duplicates. Of pistols and revolvers he has well over 300 different types, with a majority of these in pairs. The revolvers of the Revolutionary days were made in pairs for the most part, and the collection includes many of these braces.

A prize pair in the collection of pistols is a brace of officer's flint-lock horse pistols. They are from the Harper's Ferry arsenal, dated 1807, each piece bearing the United States insignia, the eagle on the country's shield.

The collection contains one of the first contract pistols ever made for the United States government. The pistol is the work of Simon North, of Berlin, Connecticut. The piece bears his stamp, "S. North, Berlin, Con." It is interesting to note the difference in this stamp and one later by the same armourer, in which the stamp read, "S. North, Middletown, Conn." In this later stamp, the abbreviation for the state is changed, the change coming with the years, as seventeen years elapse between the manufacture of the piece in "Berlin, Con." and that made later in "Middletown, Conn."

In addition to other excellent improvements to the pistol, Simon North added the safety catch to his guns, this being done as early as 1821. The catch as added by the Connecticut Yankee is much of the appearance of the modern safety catch and is as efficient. Though the Middletown man may not have invented the appliance, yet it is certain that he was among the first to place such a device on his pistols.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

One of the oldest pistols in the American collection is one of French make, but employed here in the Revolutionary war. The mountings are elaborate, in heavy brass. The piece is dated from St. Etienne, 1777. Another French pistol of a later date is made in a similar fashion, though is more modern in many ways. It is of the Napoleon period, 1809. Both the barrels of this pistol and the other French piece are wonderfully carved and fretted.

There are two odd pieces in the collection, a pair of southern made percussion lock pistols being in the Ault number. The pair are horse pistols, and are stamped with the Palmetto tree, the mark of the Old Palmetto Arms company of Columbia, South Carolina. The pair is dated 1852. Mr. Ault relates the story in connection with this. He says that the Palmetto tree, trade mark of the company, stands in copper plating before the old building, which has been left standing just as it was after the Northern invasion.

Coming down to a more modern day, the collection contains several pairs of "Dragoons," the .44 of the Mexican War and the Texas Ranger period. The "Dragoons" are among the earliest revolvers made here. They are chambered for six shots, and the cylinder works like those of the present day. The revolver weighs 4 pounds 4 ounces. The Dragoons are manufactured by the Colts arms people.

Two other examples of the work of the Colts company are a pair of 49ers, with one piece ivory butt, steel mounted. These are lighter than the Dragoons, but carry the same shot, and are also six shooters. They are beautiful pieces of workmanship.

In the collection there are 50 "pepper boxes", one of the most complete collections of this weapon in the country. Included are pieces dated from 1837 to the present. The guns have cylinders with three, four, five, six and ten barrels, and the various pieces have ring triggers, straight triggers, are hammerless, or have top hammers, the frames are brass and steel in varying instances, with handles of bone, ivory or wood, with some few metallic butts.

A beautiful antique in the collection is a set of brass candle sticks, a brass tray and candle snuffers, all formerly the property of Sarah Ault, the great aunt of the present possessor. They were brought to the St. Clairsville homestead in 1830. Other antiques of value belonging to the same Sarah Ault include a spinning wheel, with carder, hackles and all necessary accessories. The fire dogs, andirons, of the old homestead, are also at the Ault home in Martins Ferry.

A collection of lamps of various sorts is also included. These vary from the "Paul Revere" candle lamp, and the log the cabin all-iron grease lamp, to the more modern hexagonal oil lamp with glass lights. The candle lamps have not the glass lights in them but are of tin or other metal construction with small holes to allow the light to escape.

Axes, stones, and iron are included with the other weapons and old relics in the collection. The Indian axes of stone are all for war. Others belonging to the redmen, and constructed of iron, and those traded by the French and English. Among these are included camp or squaw axes and tomahawks, these latter often being fashioned into pipes for the chiefs and warriors.

A big axe of stone in the collection was plowed up at Cresaps Bottom. Another, a big ship axe of iron, was found when workmen dug the foundations of the Church of God at Martins Ferry.

An assorted lot of old relics at the Ault home include an old wooden canteen, a relic of pre-revolutionary days; innumerable powder horns and bullet pouches, the former of horn and glass and the latter of leather and metal; sabres and bayonets; and glassware and pewter plates of a day long past.

A collection, formerly the life-guard and livelihood of some frontier hunters composed of an ancient hunting rifle, with a home-made stock, and extra long barrel; a powder horn and a deer skin bullet pouch.

Mr. Ault is wrapped up in the work of collecting, and has traveled all through the east and south in the the search for a complete set of the arms of the American people. His care of each piece keeps nearly every gun in working order, and he has shot many of them himself and finds them true for the most part. Their possessor is engrossed in his hobby and, though he keeps no catalogue, he can give the make and date of any piece in the collection.

CANADIAN TOKENS.—By William Butler.

Of the many branches of numismatics none are, perhaps, of more interest to the collector than traders' tokens which were struck in large numbers in this country towards the close of the last century. Besides indicating with historical accuracy the development of Canada and Canadian commerce they constitute an interesting historical record of the doings of the past.

None of the tokens bear any pretensions to beauty or art and in most instances they are very crude both in design and execution, but this adds rather than detracts from their value. They are seen in a great variety of sizes and metals. These tokens were issued by corporations and individuals and supplied a definite need; they were mostly struck for advertising purposes but when a paucity of small change existed they passed for currency. These bore inscriptions reading "to facilitate trade" and "for public accommodation" or "token of commerce." Previous to the adoption of the decimal system in 1858 Canada had no regular coinage of her own.

The most common type of token encountered bears the familiar inscription "good for five cents in trade" with the name and address of the issuer on the reverse. These were usually issued in large quantities and consequently are not scarce and have little value. As these tokens were struck in many parts of Canada, thousands were never redeemed, and are now readily obtainable by coin collectors. A token of this type issued by the Commercial Hotel, Maple Creek, North West Territories, is now as fine an example of subtle irony as can be seen for on the reverse is the inscription "good for one drink."

The early part of the nineteenth century was a very critical one in the history of the Canadas. The country was in a virgin state and had only a small population with no financial resources to develop it and so its crying needs were unheeded. Agriculture, fishing, and lumbering were the only occupations and all had to work unitedly to secure even a bare living. Inscriptions on tokens as "encourage country importers" and "success to the fisheries, speed the plough" indicate the trend of opinion in those far off pioneer days.

A very significant and extensively circulated token, and one which might be well employed today, was the "work token." On the obverse is depicted an individual threshing grain by means of a flail and immediately above is the inscription "no labour, no bread," while on the reverse a farmer

is seen ploughing with a team of oxen and a ploughshare of antediluvian appearance, "speed the plough" appearing above. It has the value of one halfpenny but bears no mark to indicate whether it is a government or private issue. Other similar tokens bear the inscription "ships, colonies, and commerce."

In Ontario, then known as Upper Canada, all manner of tokens were very prevalent. One of these, issued by the Copper Company of Upper Canada and dated 1784, is very curious. It has the value of one halfpenny and on the obverse is an illustration of a horned figure with a fork and the inscription "Fertilitem divitas que circumferemus." Another rarely seen Upper Canada halfpenny token bears on one side a small sailing vessel and on the other the inscription "commercial change, 1821." The principal feature of the design is a barrel upon which "Jamaica" can be discerned and which probably has reference to the famous product of the "isle of wood and water." Another variety has the barrel inscribed "Upper Canada."

Leslie & Sons, Toronto and Dundas, issued a token of the value of two pence with the date 1822 bearing the blindfolded figure of Justice with the sword and scales. In the same year the firm also issued a halfpenny token on which Justice had removed the bandage from her eyes and assumed a new position. Both are identical otherwise. The reverse shows an ancient plowshare above which is "token" and prosperity to Canada," and below "2d currency" and "La prudence et la candeur." Another unique halfpenny token bears the inscription "pure copper preferable to paper." It is self explanatory.

In the Province of Quebec, then known as Lower Canada, many temporary makeshifts for money appeared before the Bank of Montreal issued its own tokens in 1837 and 1839. One of these, from the Magdalen Islands, is decidedly unique for it has a piece of dried fish for the principal portion of its design. It is dated 1815 and depicts a seal basking in the sun above which "Magdalen Island Token" appears, while on the reverse is "success to the fishery" and the value "one penny" and a specimen of the genus haddock.

What is known as the "Bouquet" series of tokens were very common in Lower Canada. They were so designated because of the fact that each bore on the obverse a bouquet of flowers in addition to the "Trade & Agriculture, Bas Canada." There were many varieties of this token and the earliest date is 1837. On the reverse the usual inscription was "Token" or "Bank Token" and "Montreal" while "un sous" appeared partially encircled by laurel leaves.

BIG GAME COLLECTION.

Henry A. Snow, leader of the Oakland Museum expedition recently completed a tour of the zoos in the large cities preparatory to a second round-the-world trip. His advice has been asked by many directors of zoos and heads of natural history museums who regard him as the foremost expert on the habits of wild animals, and the mounting of specimens.

Mr. Snow brought back from Africa one of the largest collections of museum specimens ever collected by one man. An instance of his skill was his collecting a group of four of the almost extinct white rhinoceros. Nothing was too large and nothing was too small. Among the results achieved were sixty-eight complete animal groups of separate and distinct species.



INQUIRIES

It is to your benefit as well as our, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Q. How may copper and silver coins be cleaned?

A. They may be soaked in kerosene and rubbed with a flannel cloth, or cleaned with silver polish.

Louis A. Plummer, Oswego, N. Y.:—Is there a book published giving all dates of U. S. coins with a list of mint marks of all dates; also data on the various strikes?

Ans.:—The best and most complete book on this subject is the "Annual Mint Report", issued by the U. S. Treasury Department. It is a fine, large, bound volume, issued about January 1 each year, containing a great amount of useful and interesting information about the work of our mints from the time they were founded to date. This book is sent to all who ask for it. Write the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. M. S.

A. O'Brien, Omaha, Neb.:—I have a one-cent piece, made in the year 1851. It has 13 stars on it. Is it worth more than face value?

Ans.:—No, there is no premium on it, so far as I know.

Q. Is it against the law to use stage money? J. S.

A. The treasury department says there is no regulation law against the use of stage money as such, but if a person attempted to pass such money as lawful currency he would be violating the law.

Q. Have coins ever been made of platinum? K. L. C.

A. In coinage, platinum was first used in counterfeits of gold coins. From 1828 to 1845, a bona fide platinum coinage was struck in Russia, the coinage containing some 2 per cent of irridium. A three-ruble piece was worth \$2.32 of our money, but at the present value of platinum it would bring about \$35.

J. W. Sudgen, Salt Lake City, Utah:—Enclosed I am sending descriptions and rubbings of 22 coins. I would like to know how much the are worth.

Ans.:—The 22 coins are worth about \$5.00. None of them are scarce or worth much above face value. The Victorian florin is the most desirable piece in the lot. The silver coin, which you describe as Japanese, is not from that country, but was struck for the Kwang Tung province, China. It is not difficult to distinguish between coins of China and Japan, even if we are unable to read the legends on them. As a rule do coins of China show the national emblem, the dragon, while the Japanese coins are embellished with the Japanese emblem, the chrysanthemum.

M. S.

Harry E. Chase:—The 3 cent silver piece, 1852, is not scarce. It may be bought from dealers for about 10 cents.

M. S.

CALIFORNIA CULLINGS.—By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Calif.

G. C. Lindsay, a violin maker of Los Angeles, is making a violin from a spruce beam taken from the ancient Mesa Verde cliff dwellings.

Treasure seekers have robbed more than 50 tombs in the old Spanish cemetery on Mission Road, near Los Angeles, and loot to the estimated value of \$200,000 has been taken.

Mrs. Matilda W. Smith, of Porterville, is the possessor of the marriage license issued to her grandparents by the governor of New York in 1775. She also has a chair in which George Washington sat while visiting her grandfather.

The first house erected in the city of Pasadena is to be preserved.

Mrs. Lina C. Rothwell, of Mesa Grande, has what is said to be the oldest organ in California. It was made by Alphone Rodolphe, in Paris, in 1855, and was brought around the "Horn" in the same year and used in the First Unitarian church of San Francisco, when Starr King, the famous Unitarian minister, was pastor.

Miss Marguerite Walker Jordon, who visited San Francisco and gave a silverware exhibition a while back, is said to make \$50,000 a year collecting rare silverware.

Gus Russell, of the Santa Fe Lumber Co., of San Francisco, recently offered a cash reward for the oldest shingle in California and the oldest specimen submitted will be preserved in the Golden Gate Museum.

A. J. Hunsaker, of Terra Bella, this season harvested several bags of wheat from seed taken from the ancient Cliff Dwellings in the Grand Canyon of the Colorado.

An old Indian burial ground has been discovered by C. A. Lukins on his ranch near Riverbank. The remains of an ancient fireplace were also found.

An oil well will be sunk on Atwell Island in Tulare lake, near Hanford. This island was at one time the home of a colony of Indians and many Indian relics have been found there.

Many Indian relics, mostly found in Los Gatos Canyon, have been placed in the high school museum at Coalinga. A fine collection comes from the ranch of Herman Akers. Lawrence Strickland found a tiny baked clay idol. Thorne Moyes unearthed a skeleton buried in a sitting posture. Two arrowheads were imbedded in the hip bone and one in the knee joint. Other relics were found in the graves.

An ancient Indian cemetery on the site of the Ambassador Hotel, at Santa Barbara, is being explored by members of the Museum of the American Indians, of New York. The graves are lined with whalebone and many fine relics are being unearthed. Thousands of Indians are said to have been buried in this cemetery.

Misses Laura and Mollie Annie Machado, two Spanish señoritas of Culver City, are unearthing many rare and interesting Indian relics in a sand pit on their rancho.

Oakland is going to build a fine museum for the two million dollar natural history collection brought from Africa by the naturalist and hunter, H. A. Snow. This is the finest collection of its kind in the world.

FIREARMS AND WEAPONS.—By George J. Remsburg, Porterville, Cal

A long illustrated article describing a Paul Revere powder horn of 1759, appeared in the Christian Science Monitor of April 19, 1923. The horn was engraved in 1759 by Paul Revere, the colonial silversmith, by order of Sir Wm. Johnson, as a gift to Major Robert Rogers, and is covered with inscriptions and pictographs of historical significance. The horn was rescued from a junk shop by a Boston ammunition expert.

Fred E. Sutton, formerly of Atchison, Kansas, who is now living at the Inez hotel in Kansas City, has one of the most interesting collections of old firearms in the country. Mr. Sutton for years was a plainsman and U. S. deputy marshal in the Indian Territory, and had a good opportunity to gather up some historic pieces, and every gun in his collection is well authenticated. Among his prized possessions is a pistol that was at one time owned by "Wild Bill" Hickok, the greatest gun man the west has ever known. The gun has 86 notches in it. It was presented by "Wild Bill" to Marshal Pat Garrett, at Dodge City, and Garrett, in turn, gave it to his friend, Mr. Sutton. It is a Colt .45, and has "Wild Bill's name engraved on it. With this gun Pat Garrett killed the famous outlaw, "Billy the Kid," in New Mexico, in 1882. Mr. Sutton was with Garrett on this memorable man-hunt and the latter presented the famous gun to Sutton in recognition of his valuable service. Mr. Sutton has a double barreled shot gun with many notches, one of which notes the death of Bill Doolin, the outlaw king of the Indian Territory. A six-shooter and belt are mementoes of the Dalton raid on Coffeyville, where eight men were killed in as many minutes. A revolver carried by the noted scout and gun-fighter, Maj. Gordon W. Lillie, better known as "Pawnee Bill," was engraved and personally presented to Mr. Sutton by Major Lillie. Then he has a vest-pocket Deringer, carried for years by Frank James, of the famous James gang. This gun was surrendered to Major John N. Edwards, of the St. Joe Gazette, who gave it to Mr. Sutton. Another piece is a saddle Winchester taken from the hand of the dead "Outlaw Queen," Belle Star, by U. S. Marshal Jim Boles. These are only a few of Mr. Sutton's prized possessions. He has trunks full of mementoes of the "Old West." He now devotes most of his time to special writing for periodicals, dealing largely with his experiences and observations as a plainsman.

Ex-governor MacCorkle, of West Virginia, writes the Youth's Companion of a remarkable co-incidence wherein a veteran recovered the gun and canteen which he used in the civil war. When I was governor of West Virginia in 1893, he says, a veteran of the Civil War came into my office to get some information about pension matters. I told him where he could find it, and we had some talk about his four years in the army. I told him that I had taken the old army material that was assigned to West Virginia after the war, had got it into order and put it where it could be seen. I took him up to the armory where the old material was and showed it to him. "I carried my gun," he said, "for four years through the war and cut my name on the stock, and have often wondered what became of the old piece." He picked up several of the old Minie rifles, pointed them and remarked that they seemed natural to him. After he had picked up the third one and pointed it a look of incredulous amazement came over his face. He handed the gun to me and said, "Governor, here is the gun that I carried for four years." Looking upon the stock, I found there cut his

name, his company, his regiment and the name of his home town. He stood there with tears in his eyes and hugged the old gun to his breast. That is not all. There was a huge pile of old army canteens. "My old canteen," he said, "had my name on it the same as my musket." He walked over and looked over the pile of canteens and with another exclamation of surprise took up one of them. There among the dents and knocks of four years' service was scratched his name, residence, regiment and company. I need hardly say that the old veteran went home hugging to his bosom both the gun and the canteen.

A portable rocket pistol that weighs only six pounds, recently invented in England, will throw a life line for rescue work nearly 400 yards.

The national guard unit at Troy, Kansas, until recently was the possessor of an old French .75 cannon, made in Bruges, France, 1896. The cannon was stamped No. 1, and was the first of its kind to be made, having been originally used as a pattern for more cannons of the same style. The cannon was recently shipped from Troy to the guard area headquarters at Omaha, and another machine of the same style sent to Troy.

Chas. T. Thompson, of Library, Pa., writes: "Speaking of old guns, I have in my possession one very old gun and one not so old, but it was brought off the battlefield of Gettysburg from the second day's fight. It is a revolver, and my grandfather was the soldier who got it. He was a cavalry man. The old gun was carried under General Washington by my great-great-grandfather, and tradition says it came to America on the Mayflower. It was a flintlock and a very long gun, but my great-grandfather had the flintlock removed and a pivot replaced it for caps and a smooth bore made of it, and from one generation to another, they had pieces taken off of its great length until now it is of ordinary length, but still the same gun—of great age."

McK. Culbreth, of White Oak, N. C., still has the gun he carried in the Confederate army in the Civil War, and also a gun that his grandfather brought from Scotland in 1762.

PLAQUES AWARDED NEBRASKANS.

Two beautiful plaques have been received in Lincoln from the French Government through the United States department of state, in recognition of the liberal contributions for the support of the French orphaned children. One of the plaques is inscribed with the name of J. E. LeRossignol, chairman of the Nebraska committee that collected funds, and the other to Max Westerman, the secretary and treasurer who attended to all the detailed work. The plaques measure 4½ by 2½ inches. The recumbent figure of a helmeted soldier lies across the top. Below is the kneeling figure of a woman with arms outstretched to two children, the boy standing with arms about a smaller girl. The inscription, "Pupilles de la Nation" (Wards of the Nation), is below. The plaques are of white metal. On the back of Mr. Westerman is this inscription in English:

"To Mr. Max Westerman of the University of Lincoln, Nebraska, with grateful thanks from the Orphans of France."

There was once a man who figured out the exact value of each coin and stamp, but his wonderful brain gave way and he is now butting a padded cell.

COIN NOTES.—By M. Sorenson.

There are two United States coins, which may be styled unique because only one specimen of each is in existence. One is the Double Eagle of 1849. The coinage of this denomination was authorized by Congress March 3, 1849. Late that year one piece was struck, but something intervened and no more were coined until the following year, 1850. This solitary Double Eagle to bear the date 1849 is in the National Numismatic Collection. At various times have collectors tried to buy this piece, and have offered large sums for it, but to no avail.

The other unique coin is the silver one cent piece dated 1783, size of a dime. It is claimed to be the most interesting coin of the entire U. S. series. Obverse: An eye forming the center of a glory of 13 points, the points intersecting a circle of 13 stars. Legend: NOVA CONSTELLATIO. Beaded border. Reverse: A wreath enclosing the letters "U. S." and the figures "100." Legend: LIBERTAS JUSTITIA 1783.

This coin is at the present time owned by Guttag Brothers, New York, and they say of it in their circular: "There are many coins which dealers call very rare and extremely rare, but the coin we describe herein is practically unique as it is the only one obtainable at any price. It is far more desirable than the Brasher Doubloon or 1822 Half Eagle. We consider it the gem of the entire United States series as it is the foundation upon which the present decimal coinage was raised. It is the first coin minted for the Government of the United States, and the first coin to bear the letters "U. S."

The German mark is on a steady decline and is now in line with the currency of its eastern neighbors, Austria, Poland and Russia. How much—or how little, rather—the German mark is worth at the present time may be gained from the fact that it takes about 65,000—70,000 marks to buy an American dollar. The other day I noticed that a publisher in Chicago offered 15,000 German mark in premium for sending him a new subscriber. The German 1,000 and 10,000 mark notes have their greatest value as curios. In order to give each note a little buying power, the currency is issued in higher denominations. The latest I have secured are the 10,000 and 100,000 mark notes. The 10,000 note bears a portrait of a man. By turning the note right end up a vampire is seen sucking at the man's throat—thereby probably indicating to the world that the Allies, and especially France, have Germany by the throat.

Some time ago it was rumored that France and Belgium would issue a special coinage for the Ruhr, but it is not likely that this plan will be carried out.

If one had a bill with a print of the \$10 denomination on the face and the \$5 on the back, should he average the two and consider the bill to be worth \$7.50? This is not an impossible problem, for there are several such freak bills scattered throughout the country. One of them came to a sub-treasury not long ago. It had the imprint of the \$20 on one side and of the \$10 on the other. But as the face showed the figure 20, \$20 was the legal value of the bill.

A treasury official stated that he had seen only one of these freaks, although he had heard of several. Occasionally they have slipped through the bureau of engraving and printing, despite a careful scrutiny by three or four sets of inspectors. In most cases they have been national bank

notes, which like the regular treasury notes, are printed at the bureau in Washington. The face value is always recognized when the freaks come in to be cashed in any branch of the treasury. The imprint on the back has no lawful status whatever.

The notes are printed in sheets at the bureau. Usually there will be one \$20 bill and two \$10 bills on a sheet. They are printed one side at a time, so it can be seen that the printer in turning over a sheet might get it upside down and thus put a \$10 back on a \$20 note, or \$20 on the back of one of the \$10.

The bureau women are supposed to examine all the bills carefully, but occasionally they neglect to scrutinize both sides as carefully as they should, and so the money goes out into circulation. When errors are discovered, the misprinted sheet is laid aside to be destroyed. It can not be torn up at once, for every sheet has to be accounted for. After a good deal of red tape it is ground into pulp.

Most of the freak bills that have been issued in the past have found their way back to the treasury, there to be destroyed.

In April the king and queen of Denmark celebrated their silver wedding, and a new 2 krone coin was struck to commemorate this event. The issue was 200,000 pieces. This coin will be much sought by collectors, interested in commemorative issues.

A new mint building has been erected in Copenhagen by the Danish government, and was opened April 1. This is said to be the finest and most modern mint building in the world.

The Danish Cryolite Mining and Commercial Company, which controls the cryolite mines at Ivigtut, in South Greenland, has issued a series of coin tokens, ranging in value from 10 kroner down to 10 ore, for use at the mines. On the reverse they all carry an insignia of Greenland, polar bear, which first appeared in the Danish royal seal in 1663, and on coins and medals from the reign of King Frederick III. The tokens were struck at the Royal Mint in Copenhagen.

More than 14,000,000 medals have been awarded by the British government to men and women who served the country during the great war with distinction. The total length of ribbon on these medals would extend 18,000 miles.

Among the decorations awarded are 360,000 1914 Stars, 145,000 clasps to the 1914 Star, 1,780,000 1914-15 Stars, 4,700,000 British war medals, and 2,550,000 Victory medals.

Great quantities of medals were sent to Canada and the dominions to soldiers and nurses who distinguished themselves.

Three hundred dollars in United States currency, a century and a third old, were recently found in the heart of an oak tree, cut down by farmers near Canton, O. The money is believed to have been hidden by army couriers in the early days of the American republic when hard pressed by Indian foes. The notes were found in a cavity, but as the air reached it, the paper crumpled to dust, although a fragment, showing the date of the bills—1790—remained. The theory entertained is that the money was sent to pay some of the soldiers in this territory then engaged in quelling Indian outbreaks. The tree stood close to the famous Tuscarawas trail that ran from Fort Duquesne, Pittsburgh, to Marietta.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Joe Dennie, Herrin, Ill., has been a stamp collector since the age of 11. Starting with a 1c green, of the Panama-Pacific stamp, having found it on a letter addressed to an aunt. No doubt you remember the time A. C. R. was fighting the Kuku Stamp dealers. He don't exactly know the date. Having seen a notice inserted by A. C. R. that he would like to see more good dealers so that he could drive the Kuku dealers out. He started dealing three years ago.

Having nothing to do, he decided that he would start, but having got into it too deep he took a notion to make it more than a side line, or something to pass time with. So it's only a few years now that he has been dealing in earnest and making it a blooming success.. Find West best of all stamp papers. It has got others skinned by a mile for orders and most replies to my ad of any paper. Photo taken on water tank.

The history of the United States, its spirit and idealism, its business temperament and trust in God, its follies and heroisms, they were all revealed, unchangeable, stamped in the gold and silver and copper of the coins of the republic, as O. H. Bohannon a building contractor and coin collector, who lives in Fort Dodge, chose at random coin after coin from his collection and explained the circumstances of their origin.

The Fugio cent lay in the palm of his hand and he turned it over for your inspection. "There," said Mr. Bohannon, "is the first penny ever minted in the independent states of America. It was issued by the state of Connecticut and is sometimes confused with the Franklin penny."

On one side the coin bore the image of a sun dial with the sun above it and the word "Fugio"—I fly—and under it the most characteristic legend ever inscribed on an American coin, "Mind your business." On the reverse, the coin showed a chain of thirteen links and the date 1787. Other of the large pennies of about the same date bore similar devices, some with a constellation of thirteen stars and the words, "Libertas and Justitia." One of the earliest of these pennies issued by Massachusetts, has on the back of it the full length figure of an Indian chief.

Mr. Bohannon displayed a number of half-pennies as large and much heavier than the modern cent. Five different types were issued between 1793 and 1857, the rarest now being worth \$60.

Picking up a silver coin, Mr. Bohannon said, "Here is the only American coin struck with the image of a foreign monarch. It is the Columbian quarter minted in 1893, bearing the head of Queen Isabella of Spain."

When Uncle Sam had grown tired of carrying his pocket full of the large pennies that were used for seventy or eighty years, he tried a number of experiments to avoid their use. The first of these were the very small silver half-dimes and three-cent pieces which were issued along in the first half of the nineteenth century. Later, in 1859, a series of white pennies the size of the modern cent were issued, composed of a mixture of copper and nickel. The rarer specimens of these are now very valuable.

"The metal or the age of a coin," said Mr. Bohannon, "has little to do with its value to the collector. That depends entirely on its rarity. In Europe it is an easy matter to find very old coins, some that are several hundred years old. You might find two or three of them in any money till. They are

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not scarce and are of little value as curios. It is the coin of which only a few are minted or of which only a few are in existence that is of value to the collector."

The memorial coins are among the most beautiful in every collection. This country has issued a great number of them. Usually they are struck for expositions or at the time of a centennial. Mr. Bohannon has in his collection the Columbian quarter, half-dollar, a Grant half-dollar, a Lincoln half-dollar, a Panama-Pacific half-dollar, and a number of others. Gold dollars have also been issued as memorials. These were minted in limited quantities and sold for twice their face value—a memorial half-dollar is sold for a dollar, the government receiving fifty cents. A Lincoln memorial in Illinois was paid for in this way.

The present year has seen the minting of one memorial half-dollar, known as the Monroe-Adams half-dollar. Mr. Bohannon, in showing the specimen that he has, said that the funds from this half-dollar are being used to support an international moving picture congress.

During the Civil war, when there was an abundance of paper money and little actual coin, people began to distrust the government's credit and were irritated by the lack of hard cash. Private concerns started the minting of trade tokens similar to the present trade checks, except for the fact that in the smaller coinage they almost took the place of the government's coinage. One of these tokens, now in Mr. Bohannon's collection, bears on one side the words, "Pure copper preferable to paper," and on the reverse over a wine glass, the ad, "R. Flanagan's punch," a sober reminder in these dry days of a pleasant and convivial life that is gone.

The rarest American coin is an 1804 dollar. Not a single original exists in the world and only twenty re-takes, which are valued at \$25,000 a piece. "Seven million of these dollars," said Mr. Bohannon, "were coined as payment for the Louisiana territory. The entire number was placed on a ship bound for France. The ship was lost on the voyage and the money with it. The dies were kept for years, and through the influence of coin collectors twenty of these dollars were afterwards coined. In 1864 the dies were destroyed by an order of congress and from that time the director of the mint has been required to destroy at the end of each year the dies that have been used in the mint during that time."

The unscrupulous shrewdness of the American trader is commemorated in the trade dollar, struck off in 1877. "You see it's a big dollar," said Mr. Bohannon, much larger than the usual coinage. It was never circulated in this country, but was made for use in China in an effort to obtain the Chinese trade. The merchants over there, however, soon discovered that the dollar only contained about sixty cents in silver and they refused to accept it. It was recalled and a number of the coins drifted back to this country through Mexico."

"In God We Trust,"—that motto first appeared on American coinage on two-cent pieces minted in 1864.—Taken from Ft. Dodge, Ia., paper.

Mr. Bohannon, who is a building contractor by profession, has been interested in coins for about ten years and just gradually drifted into the business of collecting and selling them. The West advertising that I bought and sold coins got me about a hundred replies and I made one purchase of a gold coin on which I made about a hundred and fifty dollars. Then

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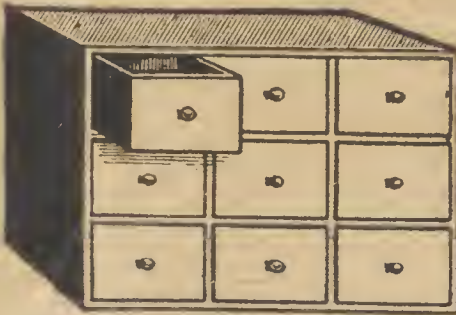
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BETWEEN OURSELVES.

Can you help? We have run out of September issue, so like to get any in good shape. Allow two months extension on any copy sent at once.

Our next issue makes our 29th year, we wish to make the coming year even better than the past, and like to see and hear more reports of Collectors, Societies and Clubs, any exhibits or displays.

Stop. Look. Answer Ads. WEST selling season is now on, for most readers stop, look and answer our ads know that Want Ads sure must help. Allow 30-word X-Ad with each dollar sent for sub. The next is Anniversary and Holiday issue, may help rush ads now, so may be able get better display or location on ads, for also wish to hear and see experiences of our readers, and exchange experiences, and like to use cuts and short history of ideas, methods and plans that may be passed along for the benefit of other readers, who like to read about your discoveries and rare finds you have made. It may help both out more for we need more publicity and like to hear of displays made in windows or bazars and fairs, I am sure may help ad. We want to hear from you all.

Nielsen, Brooklyn, moved to 671 Carroll St., since his ad was printed.

Dennie, Ills., first page ad reports, sold most his goods inside two weeks.

Oddehon, Kas., says his small ad has been more than a great success.

W. Burnell, Watkins, N. Y., thinks WEST certainly has large circulation by the many replies he got from so many different states.

WAR CANCELLATIONS AND CENSOR MARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird.

(In this article, the fifth in the series, I shall give descriptions of some of the various censor markings found on covers during the war. Most of these impressions are of rubber stamp origin and where they are different they are so noted. Although not strictly postal markings, they have been added in many cases by post office employees in the various countries, and really form part of the history of the postal service during the great war. I have had many letters from West readers since these articles have been published, but I want to give credit to Mr. Arthur Chubb, 21 Ocean St., Santa Cruz, Cal. Mr. Chubb is a dealer in foreign covers, and has a very fine personal collection of censored covers, which he kindly sent on to me for inspection. Several of Mr. Chubb's covers will be included in my article.—N. H. S.)

The history of censorship is not new as most of us believed. We find back in Civil War times that letters mailed from prisoners of war were read, and in many cases marked "Passed by Censor." I have in my collection a cover mailed by a Confederate soldier who was in the army prison at Camp Morton, Indiana. This cover bears a very clear oval stamp, reading as above with Camp Morton, Indiana, added. In the Spanish war, soldier's letters were read by lieutenants and chaplains, the person doing the "censoring" placing their name on the cover. The only difference is in the huge task that lay before the different countries involved during the world war. It is hard to realize for instance that practically every bit of single mail that entered England, or left it had to be opened.

In our country, as mentioned in one of my early articles, censorship stations were located at New York, Key West, Fla.; San Juan, P. R.; New Orleans, La.; San Antonio, Texas; Canal Zone; San Francisco, Cal.; Honolulu; Shanghai, China; Manilla, P. I., and Seattle, Wash. Sixteen hundred people did the work handling 125,000 pieces of mail a day. For the purpose of checking up such marks as described, I have listed them under separate countries.

AFRICA.

1. Africa.—Single ring, words "Passed Censor" starting at the middle left and following the circle around to the middle right; the letters C 13, in the center (this being the censor's number.) Maltese cross at the bottom.

2. Double ring, the outer ring heavier than inner, $1\frac{1}{4}$ inches in diameter, "Passed" at top, "Censor" at bottom; "19" in the center.

3. Single ring type, 1 1-8 inches in diameter; at top, reading from left to right, "Passed Censor," five pointed star at bottom, the figures 18-99 in the center.

4. Oval shaped, double lines 3-16 inches apart, heavy border around outer line, "Chief Censor" within the double lines at top, below, "Cape Town," asterisks at left and right. In the center is the date with two asterisks just above it.

5. Similar to No. 3, only a figure and letter in the center as B-100, no line between them.

6. Single ring, 15-16 inches in diameter, "Passed Censor" reading from lower left and running around to lower right, the figures 15-99 in the center. Nothing at bottom.

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REVENUE ISSUES.—By Oscar T. Hartmann.

So far I have come across three Polish document issues which run side by side. The issue proper comprising the values of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 500 M. have in the lower field no surcharge. The surcharge: Valutu Niemiaka I find on 20, 50 Fen., 1, 2, 3, and 4 M., and Valuta Polska on all values same as regular issue. Then are statistic: 30 fen., 25 fen. and 5, 100, 150 and 500 M. Freight stamps, 2 issues, I have only the 15, 20 and 30 fen. Austria's high values are now 10, 20 and 50,000 Kronen. Latter value is about 86c in U. S. money.

Luxemburg got a new way bill set, 10, 50c, 1, 1½, 2 fr. Emblem is broken circle with the word "Luxembourg." Upper Silesia Plebicit. Surcharge, C. G. H. S. in rubber stamp or type. Many German and Prussian higher values are surcharged, reading up or down. Double surcharges can be found also. They are now on the market and in short time they will be a closed chapter as far as new issues are concerned.

Bavaria surcharged its values of 50p., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 M. in flat print instead embossed with Friestaat. These are obsolete. A 50 and 100 Mark has appeared.

Germany proper issued many new issues. What is happening now I am unable to say. Just before the big drop Muhlenburg issued a 500, 1000, 5000 and 10,000 M. A grotesque ox head design.

Jugo Slavia is not slow with new issues.

Utah got a cigarette tax: ½, 1, 1 2-5, 2, 2 5-8. An Indian head as center design. The word Utah is perforated on each stamp and is not a cancellation as that is required extra.

South Dakota and Iowa are said to have some but I have not seen any so far.

A 24 U. S. cigarette stamp is not often seen.

An interesting stamp is the Austrian F. E. M. The tax was raised from 20 to 2,000 Kronen. In order to use up the many 20 Kronen stamp paper they surcharged a 5 Kronen document with No. 1 F. E. M. in black, and the value represents 1980 Kronen. A special writeup some later day.

Brazil is out with a lot of new consumo stamps.

Irag is an interesting country. It is really Mesopotamia but the revenues carry the word Irag and value, some on postage of Turkey or revenues, others on the new issue of postage. Not many outside ones are seen.

Mexico is losing its reputation of issuing revenue stamps as Argentine has left any other country hopelessly in the rear.

Among other items are the U. S. metered mail. I have a 14c value. One and two are getting common. Germany has followed with metered mail, 10, 20, 60, 200 M.. New 4,000 M. and so on. From Austria I received the first 400 Kronen metered mail.

A registered postal card from Poland carried 3,200 M. postage. A late letter from Germany 750,000 M. postage.

Howling Coyote Will Appear on Face of New Dakota Revenue Labels.

The one-half cent stamps are of gold, the 1 cent stamps of green, the 1½ stamps of purple and the 2-cent stamps maroon.

As if in anticipation of clamor arising among cigarette smokers at the levying of the tax, officials designing the stamps have arrived at a novel plan. The stamps will show a coyote, sitting on his haunches and with nose pointed skyward, howling. Before the coyote is the head of a buffalo.

PRECANCELS



By V. W. ROTNEM, 204 Craigie Hall, Cambridge, 38, Mass.

NOTE: A precancel department to function properly requires continual co-operation from its readers. Precancels are being used extensively by cities of all sizes in the United States. Every collector in this country has an opportunity to be the first to notice some new issue that comes from his vicinity. We welcome and appreciate information as to these new series, as well as other notes of an instructive nature from more advanced collectors. When convenient, kindly submit samples of new series, so that the types may be accurately defined.

The WEST deserves special comment for its diversified contents. The broad policies of its editor and publisher permit the side-lines of philately to be properly portrayed. The popularity of this paper is due a great deal, to this policy. The recognition, by Mr. Brodstone, of Precancels as a new collecting branch of U. S. postage stamps is an indication of his broad mindedness.

It was not so many years ago that readers of the "West" were accustomed to notice in advertisements in this very publication, U. S. stamps offered in two types of cancellation. The most desirable was the ordinarily canceled copy; a precancellation was invariably quoted at a lower price than its rival. The printed cancellation of the precancel was frowned upon. Perhaps in its newness and freshness it did not seem like its brother, who was daubed, and besmudged with an ordinary stamp pad block. Parcel Post issues were frequently quoted in the manner just described.

Now, things are very different. A complete reversal has occurred; the precancel brother is now far ahead of the ordinary cancelled type. The beauty of the printed type had much to do with the change. Collectors began to seek completion of precancelled sets by cities; they began to appreciate the scarcity of the printed types. A Wichita, Kansas, 1c Parcel Post was far less common than the ordinary copy. The reason was simple; ordinary 1c Parcel Post stamps were used a thousand times as frequently as the standard printed precancel type. The case of Wichita was duplicated in many other cities; collectors near these large towns commenced to trade their copies with other collectors of precancels. And so, slowly but surely, there was built up a desire for the precancel stamp.

This desire grew upon collectors; the fascination of the precancel hobby gripped them. Their enthusiasm was contagious, and soon every collector of importance, who formed his U. S. collection, reserved a space for precancels. Shortly these reservations became too small and special albums were given to the new hobby. Some collectors found this new branch so satisfying that they confined their Philatelic ambitions to precancels alone.

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Envelopes from foreign countries should be kept with the stamp or stamps on them if they are not the ordinary stamps. Quite a few collectors collect stamps this way and if you have one or more you can generally "swap" them for stamps that you do not have in your collection.

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STAMP COLLECTING.

Chicago Daily Tribune: The first part of last week you published the following in your editorial:

"If you collect stamps or if you're all right, you'll be just as happy in learning that the Philatelic West and Collectors' World slogans itself as Nebraska's Largest and Only 100-Page Illustrated Magazine"—

Being a subscriber and daily reader of the Tribune, and also a subscriber of the Philatelic West, and having always been a very serious collector, and for the past seven years a dealer in philately, I could not overlook your insinuation as per the above "If you're all right" etc., and which I wish to criticise as follows:

We know that all men, either collect stamps or they do not collect stamps. There are two great divisions of mankind;—The Stamp COLLECTOR and the NON-COLLECTOR.

The Non-Collector has usually a sneaking idea, sometimes expressed, that there is something wrong with the collector, that he must be just a bit off. BUT—The Collector has no uncertainties; he knows, mind you, HE KNOWS, that the non-collector is mentally deficient, or he would never neglect one of the most pleasurable and educational pursuits of life—The Royal Hobby of Stamp Collecting.

Am also enclosing a card which explains the good there is in stamp collecting. After reading this and the above, I am sure that you will make the statement that it is the collector that is all right, and it would give me great pleasure if you would join the millions of collectors and start a stamp collection and experience yourself, the pleasure and happiness one derives from the most interesting Hobby, the Collection of Postage Stamps.

(Signed),

A. HIPPCHEN.

OUR ILLUSTRATIONS.

Mr. C. R. Smith is just starting to dig up a large Indian Mound near Sacramento, Calif. He has so far found some wonderful bead work, arrows, etc. Some of the arrows he is offering in his ad.

Theodore Orcutt has been a collector and dealer in Indian relics for over thirty years; Indian chipped implements, baskets, wampum, most everything pertaining to the Indians. He is always in the market for fine perfect specimens. The demand is so great for California relics, that it is very etc. Some of the arrows he is offering in his ad.

Harold Allard.

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ADVERTISING CANCELLATIONS.—By M. Sorensen.

San Francisco, Calif., in five lines: AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL CONVENTION SAN FRANCISCO OCT. 15-19, 1923.

Newport, R. I., in four lines: AMERICAN LEGION MEMORIAL WEEK NEWPORT, R. I., JULY 23-28, 1923.

Superior, Wis., in six lines: AMERICAN LEGION STATE CONVENTION SUPERIOR AUG. 15-16-17.

Detroit, Mich., in six lines: CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP—CAMP CUSTER MICHIGAN AUG. 1-SEPT. 1.

Boston, Mass., in five lines: CITIZENS TRAINING CAMP CAMP DEVENS MASS. AUG. 1 TO 31.

Huron, S. D., in four lines: SOUTH DAKOTA STATE FAIR SEPT. 10-14, 1923.

Sedalia, Mo., in four lines: MISSOURI STATE FAIR SEDALIA AUG. 18-25, 1923.

Wilmington, Del., in four lines: DELAWARE STATE FAIR WILMINGTON AUG. 27- SEPT 1.

Philadelphia, Pa., in three lines: WORLD PEACE LAW—NOT WAR.

Riverton, Wyo., in four lines: CONSTRUCTING RIVERTON-IRRIGATION PROJECT 120,000 ACRES.

Sault Ste. Marie, Ont., in four lines: DISCOVERY WEEK 300TH ANNIVERSARY SAULT STE. MARIE, ONT., AUG. 4TH-8TH.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in three lines: MAIL EARLY AND TAKE ADVANTAGE OF MID-DAY TIME.

Austin, Texas, in four lines: TEXAS STATE EXPOSITION AUSTIN OCT. 1-6.

Minneapolis, Minn., in four lines: MINNESOTA STATE FAIR AND N. W. DAIRY EXPOSITION SEPT. 1-8.

Milwaukee, Wis., in four lines: WISCONSIN STATE FAIR AUG. 27-SEPT. 1, 1923, MILWAUKEE.

Calgary, Alta, Canada, in three lines: PLACE RETURN ADDRESS ON ALL MAIL.

Aurora Ill., in three lines: THE CENTRAL STATE FAIR AND EXPOSITION AUG. 17-25, 1923.

Pueblo, Colo., in four lines: COLORADO STATE FAIR PUEBLO, SEPT. 24-29, 1923. /

Worcester, Mass., in three lines: NEW ENGLAND FAIR, WORCESTER, MASS., SEPT. 3, 4, 5, 6.

Toronto, Ont., Canada, in five lines: VISIT POSTAL EXHIBIT, TORONTO, EXHIBITION AUG. 25 TO SEPT. 8, 1923.

Brockton, Mass., in three lines: BROCKTON FAIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY OCT. 2-3-4-5-6.

Detroit, Mich., in five lines: MICHIGAN STATE FAIR DETROIT AUG. 21-SEPT. 9, 1923.

Lincoln, Nebr., in four lines: NEBRASKA STATE FAIR AND EXPOSITION LINCOLN SEPT. 2-7.

Little Rock, Ark., in three lines: ARKANSAS STATE FAIR LITTLE ROCK OCTOBER ————— (Dates indistinct.)

New York, N. Y., in four lines: CHEMICAL INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION SEPT. 17-22.

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Sidney, Mont., in four lines: U. S. (indistinct) LOWER YELLOW-STONE 60,000 FERTILE ACRES IRRIGATED.

St. Louis, Mo., in five lines: THIRD NATIONAL AERO CONGRESS ST. LOUIS, MO.; OCT. 1-2-3.

St. Catherines, Ont., Canada, in four lines: PROVINSIAL CONVENTION—G. W. V. A.—ST. CATHARINES, ONT., SEPT. 3RD, 4TH, 5TH.

Vancouver, B. C., Canada, in five lines: FROM POSTAL EDUCATIONAL EXHIBIT VANCOUVER EXHIBITION—1923—.

Winnipeg, Man., Canada, in four lines: WINNIPEG GARDEN SHOW SEPT. 3 TO 7—1923.

Same office, in four lines: HAVE POSTAL ADDRESS ON ALL STATIONARY.

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Because it is a splendid sedative.

Because the sale of unused postage stamps to collectors represents a substantial part of the national or colonial revenue.

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There are many other reasons, obvious to every stamp lover. We are not all millionaires, and none of us are lunatics if this is our creed.—Stamp Collecting.

Many early imperforate stamps were engraved by hand; since then, however, some of them have been rudely jolted by dishonest fingers that tried to turn shillings into pounds.

Not very many years ago stamps were classed with seals and coins. Now they rank with government securities, and it is only picture-postcard collectors who are out in the cold.

Twenty years ago collectors hunted around and acquired single copies; now they go to banquets and talk about the specialized collections they have purchased.

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NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS.—GERMAN 10,000 MARK ISSUE.

The government of Newfoundland was one of the first to realize the possibilities of the postage stamp for publicity. Almost from the earliest issue her stamps have reflected in their designs the history, resources and scenic beauties. A codfish, a seal, and a sailing cutter on the Newfoundland stamps of 1866 brought home to thousands whose letters they franked the staple industries upon which the island then depended. The very handsome set put forth in commemoration of the 400th anniversary of Cabot's discovery of the New Isle, carried the scheme a stage farther by reproducing Holbein's portraits of Sebastian Cabot and his Royal patron, Henry VII., an engraving of Cabot's ship the *Matthew* leaving the Avon and of Cape Bonavista, the landfall of Cabot, as well as pictures of mining, logging, sealing, ptarmigan and caribou hunting, and salmon fishing.

In 1910 the Tercentenary of Colonization was the occasion for further propaganda by postage stamp, the subjects of a new series in honor of the event including portraits of John Guy, who established the first permanent settlement in 1610; King James I, who granted the Charter; and Lord Verulam, the guiding spirit in the colonization scheme. Other stamps bore reproductions of the arms of the London and Bristol Company, which colonized Newfoundland, and of Guy's ship—the *Endeavour*. The development of the new industry of paper-making was signalized by the presentation of a view of the paper mills at Grand Falls on the 10 cents denomination. The exploits of the Royal Newfoundland Regiment and of the Royal Naval Reserve in the Great War are perpetuated in the familiar "Trail of the Caribou" stamps instituted early in 1919, which have just been withdrawn in favor of an entirely new issue.

Newfoundland's latest stamps provide no exception to the rule. "There are many beauty spots, and it was thought that through the medium of the postage stamp some of the interesting features of the Colony would get publicity." The new stamps bear miniature reproductions of photographic views. The 1 cent green depicts the Twin Hills at Tor's Cove, a beauty spot within twenty-six miles of St. John's. A view of the South-West Arm, Trinity Bay on the 2 cents red is reminiscent of a Norwegian fjord. As the postal denominations in most general use, the 3 cents brown has been chosen to carry a representation of the national war memorial in Bowring Park, St. John's—a bronze statue of the "Fighting Newfoundlander," executed by Captain Basil Gotto. The 4 cents claret shows a Cosy Nook on Humber River, a salmon fishers' paradise. A coast scene near Trinity adorns the 5 cents deep blue, while the 6 cents gray portrays the Upper Steadies of the Humber River, and the 8 cents purple the picturesque fishing village of Quidi Vidi near St. John's, which was the starting point of the famous Transatlantic air flight in May, 1919. Caribou crossing a lake appear on the 9 cents gray-green, and a view of the Humber River Canyon on the 10 cents cinnamon. The scene on the 11 cents olive represents Shell Island in the Humber River, and that on the 12 cents orange Mount Moriah, Bay of Islands. A scene near the Little Rapids of the Humber River is the subject of the 15 cents deep blue, which is the highest value yet on sale.

There remain to be issued in the new series postage stamps of 20 and 24 cents, together with two special stamps of 10 and 15 cents for exclusive use in the air.

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NEW EUROPEAN STAMPS.

With each fall of the mark there is a corresponding rise in the German postal rates, with a resulting demand for stamps of higher value to meet them. In 1918 there was no German postage stamp above the 5 marks duty. By contrast, a stamp of 10,000 marks face value has just been placed in circulation, off-set printed in brown-olive, with a view of Cologne Cathedral.

To the gallery of the world's famous men portrayed on stamps must now be added Nicholas Copernicus (1473-1543), the father of modern astronomy, and Tarasse Shevchenko, the martyr, poet, and champion of the independence of the Ukraine (1814-1861). The former appears on a new 1,000 mark postage stamp of Poland, and the latter on a charity-cum-postage stamp of 20x20 Karbovantchi created in the interests of famine relief by the Federated Republic of Ukrainian Soviets. The Italian post office proposes to create this year a special series in honor of the jubilee of Alessandro Manzoni, the celebrated writer and leader of the romantic movement in Italy.

Commemorative postage stamps are to be issued in Holland next month, on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the reign of Queen Wilhelmina in denominations 2, 5, 7½, 10, 20, 25, 35, 50 cents, 1, 2½ and 5 florins. The florin values, together with the 5 cents, will show a symbolical female figure, while the remainder will bear the portrait of the Queen of the Netherlands.

Canada has adopted the system of letter-franking by means of automatic machines already in vogue in Great Britain, the United States, etc., the approved type of postal frank consisting of a traverse label of neat design with the figure of value in the center, "Canada License" above and "Meter Postage" below.

STAMP NOTES.

A press item from Washington states that the Postal Department soon will issue a new set of stamps in three values for the new air service between New York and San Francisco. The new stamps will be the same in size as the current postage stamps. The values will be 8, 16 and 24 cents. The 8 cent stamp will be green, and will show a picture of an aeroplane. The 16 cent stamp will bear the emblem of the air mail service, a shield with wings. In the shield the initials U. S., above the word AIR, and below MAIL. The color of this stamp is to be blue. The 24 cents stamp will show an aeroplane in flight and is to be red.

These stamps are to be used only on letters sent by air mail. The country has been divided into three air zones, New York to Chicago, Chicago to Cheyenne, and Cheyenne to San Francisco. The rate of postage will be 8 cents per ounce for each zone.

It is claimed that this country broke a regulation by the International Postal Convention by issuing the Harding Memorial stamp in black. Maybe our Uncle Sam did step over the line, but just have a look at our neighbor to the north, Canada, and see what she went and did. There is one great consolation in this, though—the Harding memorial stamp is one of the most beautiful postage stamps we ever had.

Advertising in these columns not only may "fill" demand, but likewise may "create" demand.

KEEPING A COLLECTION ON ORIGINAL COVERS.

A Suggestion Which May Overcome the Difficulty.

An important question rises in the mind of every one who contemplates making a collection of Entire Stamped Envelopes or Stamps on Original Covers and probably presents itself to nearly all collectors with more or less force, as nearly everyone has a few such things which they don't care to part with and which will not fit in well with a regular collection of adhesives.

I believe there is absolutely no perfectly satisfactory way of handling such items, and especially large collections of them, so that they receive good protection and yet at the same time are conveniently arranged and easy to look at.

At times different collectors have shown their systems in the "Collector's Journal," but now, in my estimation, is just what is wanted.

My own method is not at all new, but I think it is the best I have yet seen and a number of the best envelope collections in the United States are mounted this way. It allows either a hasty or leisurely inspection, gives good protection, and is not overly bulky considering the kind of stuff being shown. The disadvantages are that the albums are somewhat large and unhandy and for a large collection the system is somewhat expensive.

The method is simply to keep them in the largest size of loose leaf stock books and to band each envelope with a small strip of white paper showing all the essential facts about it. These strips can be bought cheaply. The strips in these albums are linen, the leaves are linen hinged and the stubs are of very heavy cardboard to prevent bulging. The pages are about 9 by 12 inches and it is possible to show fourteen of the common size Nesbit issue of envelopes to the page without lapping the ends. These envelopes are about the size of the present issue size 3. The envelopes are easily taken out for examination, consequently, if desired, only the stamp and a small part of each envelope need show, putting double the ordinary number of items on each page.

At fourteen to the page the book contains 560 ordinary envelopes and either fourteen or more to the page they make an interesting display which may be hastily gone over or they can be easily taken out for a closer examination.

Taken all in all, I believe this is the most satisfactory way to handle such a collection if it is of any considerable size and is probably as cheap as any in the long run considering the number of items accommodated.

If a cloth cover with a handle on it is made for each album they will be nearly as dust proof as a filing case and much more easily moved around.—Postage Stamp.

UTAH CIGARETTE STAMPS.

They are not sold to persons without a dealer's permit costing \$75.00 per annum so unused copies are hard to get. The 1 1-5c and 2 2-5c are very scarce used and the ½c not common. There are six values in use, ½c resida, 1c orange, 1 1-5c pink, 1 ½c green, 2c blue, 2 2-5c brown.

South Dakota and Iowa also issue cigarette stamps.

WINS VIENNA MEDAL WITH PHILIPPINE COLLECTION.

Word has been received by John A. Klemann, 116 Nassau Street, New York, that his collection of stamps from the Philippine Islands won the gold medal in its class in the recent international postage stamp exhibition held in Vienna. The collection was shown in five volumes, containing 25,000 stamps, including all of the rare first issues of 1854 and countless varieties and errors. It is considered one of the best Philippine stamp collections in the world, and Mr. Klemann has spent several years in accumulating it.

This is the first time since 1911 that an international philatelic exhibition has been held in Vienna. Mr. Klemann was the only prominent American exhibitor. The only American who attended the exhibition was Eugene Klein of Philadelphia, who was a member of the jury of award. At the 1911 Vienna international exhibition, J. Murray Bartels of this city, won a gold medal with his collection of Philippine Island stamps.

The A. P. S. at its annual conference in Washington last month contributed a gold medal for one of the leading classes, and a fund for the Vienna exhibition also was sent by the Collectors' Club of this city.

The stamp collector has appeared on the stage and the foibles and enthusiasm of his hobby are entertainingly portrayed in the new comedy, "The Talking Parrot," by Hutcheson Boyd.

There is a real talking parrot in the play and he has been so well trained that he talks only when spoken to. The stamp collector, who fills the role of the hero of the play, is played by John Parrish. He is shown looking over his rarities and calls attention to his fine Brattleboro specimen, his Hawaiian "missionary" stamp, his circular British Guiana and other choice treasures, indicating that he is no mean philatelist.

Against the protestations of his friends and newly-wed wife, he insists upon making an ocean journey from his home in Washington Square to New Brunswick to obtain an early error variety of the first Tasmania issue. His ship is wrecked and his two closest friends reveal an amusing spirit of rivalry as to who shall marry the charming young widow, each insisting that the other is the more eligible man.

The climax is deftly arranged, one of the striking scenes being the apparent appearance of the shipwrecked philatelist as a ghost in the midst of a terrific thunderstorm. He eventually returns, however, telling of his escape and just in time to prevent the contemplated marriage. He intensifies the spirit of philately by first making sure that his album is safe, saying that wives may be replaced but rare stamps never. The Triangle Theater is as entertaining as the play in which Ruby Hallier enacts the part of the English aunt with her cockney accent in a very engaging manner.—New York Times.

SULTON OF EGYPT A STAMP COLLECTOR.

Sultan Fuad I, of Egypt, is a stamp collector on a large scale and an old customer of the house of Maury. In 1919 he bought for 4,000 pounds Egyptian, the collection of Egyptian stamps formed by M. Albert Eid, son of the Belgian consul at Cairo. His collection is at present housed in thirty-five volumes, with magnificent specialized collections of the Soudan, of Arabia, Greece, Roumania, etc. One of the jewels is a block of four of the 4c blue of British Guiana, for which Fuad paid 50,000 francs in 1919.

COLLECTING OF POSTMARKS.—By Ned H. Starbird.

New interest is being shown in all parts of the country daily along the lines of postmarks and cancellations. No better evidence of this is given, than by a recent order of the Third Assistant Postmaster General to all postmasters, ordering them to honor all requests for "advertising slogans" where people write in to their offices. Another interesting side of this fad was manifested, when I recently wrote to the postmaster at Cuero, Texas, for one of the so-called turkey cancellations.

Probably thousands of people would have never heard of Cuero, had it not been for the publicity given it thru the Philatelic press. Some days after I received the cancellation, I received a very fine booklet, telling all about the turkey sale. It is more or less like our cattle shows in the east, only down there, they feature the turkey.

Probably no one has done more to help this phase of Philately along than Mr. A. H. Pike, Editor of the "Collectors Digest," Buffalo, N. Y. Mr. Pike very quietly has been gathering material together for several years, and recently in his "Digest" published check lists of American Advertising slogans, together with recent additions in "Meekel's Weekly," also a check list of Canadian Slogans. I came across an article he wrote recently entitled, "The Old Versus the New." It gives us a new idea of what a postmark really is, and is given here in its entirety.

The Old Way Versus the New.

Philately was born from a human desire to accumulate and save things of an interesting nature. Stamps were first collected as pictures or works of art in miniature. From the beginning almost to the present these little pieces of paper were interesting because of color, design, workmanship, errors of manufacture, watermark, perforation and other points relating strictly to the stamp itself rather than to the purpose for which it was intended.

What is the intent and purpose of the postage stamp? Did the governments of the world originally issue them as a contribution to the world of art or as receipts for service rendered? If we can find more interest in philately it behooves us to do it. "The Postal Service is the greatest business in the world. It handles more pieces, employs more men, spends more money, reaches more homes and touches more interests than any other human organization." The stamp that you place on a parcel of mail puts the P. O. Dept. at your service. The stamp paid for that service, and the envelope when it arrived at its destination constituted a receipt from the government that the service was paid for.

The stamp alone does not constitute a complete receipt. The P. O. Dept. insists that postal employees place a clear impression of their postmark and cancel the stamp before delivery to destination. This rule is not obeyed in all cases but it goes to show that the Department desires this information to show on every parcel of mail that it carries. Consequently, a government receipt complete consists of the postmark, stamp cancellation on the entire or on a piece of the original cover.

Philately is an institution too old to permit of any radical changes in methods, but the "NEW PHILATELY" as some call it, does not mean quitting the old for the new, but rather adding the new to the old for greater interest, pleasure and value. We have had with us for a good many years the cancellation enthusiast who collects early U. S. in duplicate for the curious

THE SEVENTH FERRARI SALE.

Recent undue "broadcasting" of excessive prices for rare stamps has been responsible for a certain amount of discouragement among juniors and impatience—if not indignation—on the part of non-collectors. At the Sixth Ferrari Sale (Paris, April 25th-27th) many of the prices paid were—to put it mildly—"lancy" ones, out of all proportion to their market values. For that reason, and seeing that no useful purpose could be served by the publication of a full report.

At the Seventh Sale (Paris, June 13th-15th) the prices were more in keeping with common sense, and some important and hitherto unsuspected varieties were purchased at what we must presume to be reasonable figures. We give the sterling equivalents (including French Government 17½ per cent tax) of the prices paid for principal items sold on this occasion:

	£	s.	d.
Buenos Aires, 1858; 1 peso blue, used tete-beche pair (unique) ..	522	0	0
Hawaii, 1851; 2c, Type II, used	1,778	0	0
Hawaii, 1851; 5c, Type I, used	310	0	0
Hawaii, 1851; 13c, Type I, used	244	0	0
Hawaii, 1851; 13c, Type II, used	220	0	0
Serbia, 1872; 1pa., unused, tete-beche pair	81	0	0
South Anstralia, 1855-59; 1s. violet, mint pair	168	0	0
South Australia, 1879; error 4d. blue, unused	314	0	0
South Australia, 1879; error 4d. blue, used	67	0	0
U. S. Postmarks (Brattleboro) 1846; 5c black, used on original ...	261	0	0
United States, 1869; 15c, center inverted, unused	300	0	0
United States, 1869; 24c, center inverted, used	37	10	0
United States, 1869; 30c, center inverted	505	0	0
United States, 1901; 1c, center inverted	14	0	0
United States, 1901; 2c, center inverted	88	0	0
United States, 1901; 4c, center inverted	20	0	0
Confederate States (Unionville, South Carolina); 5c, used on envelope (not catalogued)	261	0	0

The sale total for the Seventh Sale (614 lots), including 17½ per cent French Government tax, amounted to 1,761,019 francs. The grand total for the seven sales is \$1 272,200.00.

NEW STAMP RARITY.

A new stamp rarity, if available figures are reliable, is likely to be the 10-franc green stamp issued in January by Luxemburg. It is the same length as our current 2s. 6d. and 5s., but slightly higher, and of the same type as the 25c. stamp printed in 1921 to commemorate the unveiling of the Luxemburg war memorial.

Only 1,200 copies were at first printed, and these were sold at a premium in aid of the Red Cross. They were printed singly, each with a margin of from 16 to 20 mm. on unwatermarked wove paper by Messrs. J. Enchede and Sons of Haarlem.

Three months later a further supply arrived, but in sheets of 50 and printed in black.

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BACK TO THE BEST OF HOBBIES.—By Leonard A. Gibbens.

This article has been written with the idea of assisting those who have collected stamps in the past and have given up the hobby, but who are now thinking of taking up the world's premier hobby again. How true, and how apt, is the sentence, "Once a stamp collector, always a stamp collector."

A few years ago a fellow collector called upon me to ask my advice in a certain matter philatelic. He had been collecting stamps for a long time and had got together a really superb collection of British Colonials. Besides the pleasure derived from forming the collection he had got a lot out of his stamps by studying them—as every collector can, and should. He was a real collector in so far as he never specially ordered any stamp to complete a set or to fill a page in his album. He just waited the time when it should turn up in an approval selection or an exchange packet, and even then, if its condition was not of the highest order, he would pass it and await his next opportunity. He was one of the keenest philatelists I have known and also one of the worst in whom a very highly mercenary interest had developed. The appearance of a new edition of his favored catalogue was a most exciting time for him. I believe his feelings then eclipsed those of a heavy backer in a race just at the moment when his horse came within a few yards of the post.

The reader may perhaps recollect the period 1918-20. Just then—especially in view of the Great War—the demand for stamps was simply extraordinary, and one has only to refer to auction reports of that time to glean some idea as to the high prices realized and the great "boom" in stamps, and, as this boom was nearing its height, my friend sought my advice.

He came to me and said, without almost any preamble, "I am seriously considering the sale of my collection. I feel I shall never have another opportunity of doing so to such good advantage as now." He asked me what I thought about it. Of course it was rather a difficult matter to give an answer on such a subject straight away. Any advice I might give, required carefully considering. In fact, I myself had been tempted, and disturbed, by the prevailing conditions. However, I admitted to him that just then certainly did seem the best of good times to realize, but, said I, "I know you will never give up the hobby for good, and if you sell now you will only have to start all over again and buy at top prices. Then very likely after the war, when things have settled down a little (how rosy the future appeared to most of us in those days) the demand for stamps will have increased a thousandfold." He told me he thought he had been at it long enough to have got all there was to be had out of the hobby and thought that before very long prices would fall very considerably, and he could then, if he felt so disposed, make a fresh start under the most favorable conditions. The end of the interview was that he went away without expressing any definite decision or intention and for several weeks I heard no more of him, but one evening he suddenly turned up again and disturbed me in the midst of a most interesting mounting. "It's the old complaint, old chap. The stamp collecting mania has got me again—you said it would. The usual symptoms and a terrific craving for stamps and plenty of them. Of course there are plenty of stamps, but that is just where I'm in difficulties. The fact of the matter is, I can't make up my mind which stamps to concern myself with in making a new start." He ran on, all in one breath—as

I have expressed it above—for a time and then asked me what I thought was the best way to begin.

My reply embodied the following suggestions, which I have set down here, thinking that perhaps they may be of service to some collectors, who, for some reason or other, have given up collecting, but who have again become possessed of a desire to form another collection, and I hope they may derive some assistance to that end from the following.

In the first place, I ascertained from my friend the amount he could afford to spend on his collection. He named a small sum, ten shillings or so per week.

It is rather important to decide upon this question first, because by so doing you assist yourself in settling upon the next step—how to begin.

The usual course—as we all know—is to purchase a packet, the larger the better, and build this up by purchasing from approval selections and exchange packets, but, assuming you have already collected, this may appear too elementary and savor pretty much of drudgery. Therefore, why not buy a collection already, or partly, formed. Most dealers have collections on hand which they have purchased for the sake of a few rarities these may have contained and rather than go to the trouble of breaking the remainder up and sorting into stock they are prepared to sell “en bloc” for a nominal sum. Having bought a collection of this description you simply carry on as in the case of a large packet collection, adding stamp by stamp, or set by set, from approval selection, etc. This method may strike you as being about as near as possible to continuing where you left off, but you may remark, “Buying stamps singly from approvals is a very dear way of going about the business, besides nowadays completion is quite out of the question.” Quite so, and I therefore suggest you to adopt the course which, in the circumstances, I consider the most advisable, and that eventually decided upon by my friend.

Stamp Fortnightly says: It is a subject for no small wonder that Philately in Germany is capable at this time of producing so prolific a literature on stamps. It is indeed amazing that two of the heaviest literary undertakings should have come from Germany at this time. We published a review in these columns of the first part of the stupendous Kohl Handbook—the second part is already on our desk, and maintains the magnificent promise of the first. But now we have also to report the actual publication of Herr Alexander Bungez’ long-expected work the “Grosses Lexikon der Philatelie.” It is a large volume of 800 pages, strongly bound, and is said to contain 14,500 references and 2,400 illustrations. Originally announced a year or so ago at about 120 marks, the Sammler Woche of July 25 gives the price for Germany at 450,000 marks, which at the moment of writing is something under 10c. But for most other countries the price is 24 Swiss francs, a very different matter, but still much cheaper than such a work could be printed (far less written and compiled) in the United States.

Trans-Jordania, which has hitherto used postage stamps of Palestine specially overprinted Sharq ul Urdun (East of Jordan), is now to issue its own stamps with designs of Emir Abdullah’s winter palace and an Arab riding a camel.

SHIP STAMPS OF THE WORLD.—By A. Spreag.

The stamps described as "ship stamps" are all types showing sailing ships, pleasure craft, merchant ships, and battleships.

One reason for so many sailing ships appearing on stamps of certain countries is that the first settlers were brought to the country in ships of this type. The United States for instance.

The 12c value of 1869 issue of this country, portrays a mail steamer, this, I suppose, being the rate to foreign countries.

The special set issued to commemorate the landing of Columbus in 1492 shows the ships in which he landed. The 2c shows his landing, in the background can be seen his ships. The 3c pictures the Santa Maria, the flagship of Columbus, while the 4c shows the entire fleet of three ships in same formation as they were when land was sighted. They are Santa Maria, Nina and Pinta.

In 1901 a ship stamp was issued when the Pan-American Exposition was held.

The 1c green and black shows a lake steamer with one funnel. An American liner is shown on the 10c and below the picture is the inscription "Fast Ocean Navigation."

The commemorative issue of the founding of Jamestown was issued in 1907. The 2c depicts John Smith landing, his ships are shown in the background.

The 1898 issue, or the Spanish-American War Revenues have as a main feature the ill-fated U. S. S. Maine. This ship was blown up by Spanish authorities in Havana Harbor while on a peaceful journey to that port.

CHINA.—The junk appears on the issue of 1913. In the foreground there is a full-sailed junk sailing in mid-stream, at the back a railway bridge is shown.

GERMAN COLONIES.—In 1900 a general issue was given to all German Colonies depicting the Royal Yacht. There are two designs, one showing a port bow view, used on pfennig values, while the larger and port side view is on the mark values.

GRENADA.—The 2½d stamp of 1898 shows the flagship of Columbus approaching Grenada. In 1906 another ship stamp was issued, which shows the same ship only smaller.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 13c of 1866 portrays a two-masted fishing schooner. The issue of 1897 shows two manned fishing boats on the 8c. This indicates that fishing is one of the main industries of Newfoundland. The 10c shows Cabot's ship the "Mathew."

PAPUA.—Every stamp of this island shows a native boat with oddly shaped sails peculiar to the colony.

ST. KITTS.—The latest of all ship stamps is the St. Kitts. It is the third centenary of this Colony and a ship of the time of its discovery is portrayed on the stamp.

ARGENTINE.—The issue of 1892 shows the same picture as that of the 4c stamp of the Columbus issue of U. S. A.

In 1892 a stamp was issued to commemorate the opening of the Port of Rosario. A picture of the port is shown and ships of all kinds can be seen in the bay.

AUSTRIA.—The only ship stamp of Austria is the 1905 charity stamp. A battleship is shown on the 23 heller value. The ship is making good speed and a portrait view is shown.

BARBADOS.—In 1905 a set of stamps was issued showing the "Olive Blossom," the name of the ship from which the island was discovered. The crew of this ship took possession of the island in 1695.

BERMUDA.—The 1906-10 issue of Bermuda's stamps show three ships, two have furled sails, the third has her sails spread. In the foreground is a pair of lock gates. In 1910 a set of stamps featuring a ship of the seventeenth century was issued.

BRITISH GUIANA.—All the stamps of this island, except the 1850 and 1898 issues show a full-sailed merchantman. The reason is that it forms the arms of the country.

CANADA.—The 20c of the Quebec Centenary issue shows a fleet of ships as used when the colony was settled.—Fortnightly.

REVENUE AND FISCAL STAMPS.

It is a well known fact amongst stamp collectors that fiscals, revenues, etc., are passed aside as being of little value of consideration. Well, from my point of view, a nice collection of early Victorian, British and British Colonial and U. S. fiscals are quite a source of interesting study for the fellow who will start up in this branch of philately. They are splendid examples of engraving, and should be given a place of honour in a separate album. British Judicature, Law Court, Chancery, Customs, License, etc., are all well worth the collector's time to get together at small cost. Ceylon and India Bills of Exchange, also Hong Kong, are worth space in the collection. British Contracts, Receipts, Consular, Public Records, Civil Service, Mayor's Court, Local, County, etc., can all be purchased cheaply. When one considers the vast number of Transfer, Documentary, Proprietary, Fee, Certificate and Exchange stamps of the United States, Canada, British Colonies and other countries, it is a comparatively easy task to build up a good general collection in a short time. Mexico is a country rich in varieties of this class of stamp. I consider that nearly all Charity stamps and the bulk of the War Tax class of stamps should be classed as revenues, apart from the fact that War Tax stamps are issued to benefit the revenue of the country of origin, and are used postally. "Specimen copies" of stamps are revenue producers, also Postage Dues, Telegraphs, Railway, Newspaper, Postal Fiscals, etc. A few varieties are found amongst revenue stamps which have been used postally. They are worth holding, as the price of these will rise in the future. A few "gems" are to be found "pen-marked" and are hard to get postally used. Take New South Wales, South Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania and especially Queensland. It is seldom that the average collector gets the higher values postally used, but he can purchase the same stamps penmarked or cancelled, fiscally used, at an easy figure. The consolation is practically the same to me, being a collector with small means. The fellow who is a general collector should not fail to start cultivating the fiscal revenue side of our hobby; he will find it instructive and interesting, and when he builds up a bunch of, say, one thousand varieties, will no longer pass them along as a side line.—Western Collector.

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SWEDEN'S UNIQUE STAMP DISCOVERY.—By Baron Erik Leijonhufvud.

The disposal by auction of Monsieur Ferrary's collections has let daylight into his mysterious rooms at Rue de Varennes, Paris. The world's collectors, for forty years shut out from even a glimpse of all the treasures in this stamp-lover's garden of Eden, have now become gradually acquainted with most of the wonder accumulated by this remarkable man under unusually favorable conditions. Some collectors are no doubt disappointed, but the majority are probably astonished at the number and quality of the rarities and varieties from all lands stored since the earliest days of stamp-collecting.

Most of the rare stamps in Ferrary's collections were represented by several copies (United States Postmaster stamps, Hawaiian missionaries, rarities from Tuscany, Moldavia, Cape, New South Wales, Western Australia, Saxony, one entire unused sheet of three prennigs red and dozens of singles, a perfect dealer's stock of old German and Spanish stamps, etc.). The collection contained a number of the famous Mauritius of 1847 and 1848 from the perfect early types to all the Post Paid impressions; and the ugly impression 1 cent black on magenta (Guiana), supposed to be the world's rarest stamp, was one of many from the Official Gazette prints in Georgetown. All these rarities were more or less known even if the average collector never dreamt of such a wealth of every variety.

The rarest stamp of Europe—the Swedish error 3 skilling-banco, yellow instead of green—had also found a home in Ferrary's collection. But it was very little known; probably few English or American specialists had any recollection of this most interesting stamp. It shares with one or two others the distinction of being an only copy of its kind.

I bought the stamp at the fourth Ferrary auction in June last year after considerable competition with other buyers. The auction price came to 30,000 francs, which is the highest price ever paid for a used European stamp. Interested specialists in Sweden have for years been discussing this stamp and the question of its genuineness; sceptics have tried to explain it as possibly a chemical change of color. On examining the stamp in Monsieur Gilbert's room I saw at once that it was a genuine error and that the change of color had taken place through an exchange of one of the casts (cliches) in the frame of one hundred stamps whilst printing the 8 skilling-banco. The error is in the most common of the various shades of the eight skilling yellow, and the paper used is the kind used in 1857 for printing these stamps. The difference between the figure 3 and the figure 8 in a cast is barely noticeable, and the printer having found one block damaged got hold of a cast of the 3 skilling instead. The mistake is caused in a somewhat similar way to the other and less rare Swedish error "20 tretio." It is unlikely that the attention of the postal authorities was ever drawn to the 3 sk. yellow, and if any more came into circulation they have been used up as eight skillings and got lost. But it is probable that the error was printed towards the end of the printing and that very few copies ever existed. Fifty-six years is quite long enough time to expect to find another copy if it has ever existed or been preserved, especially in the time from 1900 and up to date, as a continuous search has been made for early skilling-bancos.

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The smallest (perforation) is that of the Victorian 6d., of 1857, which measures 19.

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Why is a postage stamp like an aeroplane? Neither touches ground until it reaches its destination.

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All the obsolete issues of Luxemburg were demonetised on January 1, 1906.

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Please send us notes and clippings on coins, coinage, currency, medals, etc. We will appreciate such a favor and give credit for all that is sent. In co-operating with us in this way you will help make the contents of our department more interesting. M. SORENSON, 405 E AVENUE WEST, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA

The official money in Syria since March 31, 1920, is the Syrian money. The monetary unit is the Syrian pound divided into 100 Syrian piasters. This money is represented exclusively at present by bank notes which the Bank of Syria has been authorized to emit in accordance with a decree of the High Commissary of the French Republic in Syria-Cilicia of March 31, 1920. There have been put into circulation notes of 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 piasters, 1, 5, 10, 25, 50 and 100 pounds. The Syrian note is payable at par on sight or by check issued on the Bank of Syria at Paris. The Syrian pound is worth 20 francs. The Syrian money is legal tender only in the territory under French mandate. The circulation of foreign metallic money is not forbidden. In fact, there is considerable circulation of Turkish gold and silver coins in the regions of Damascus and Aleppo.

But the monetary system in Syria is greatly complicated and it can be said that each town has its own money and exchange. At Beirut large payments are made in Egyptian paper money. But as subsidiary money or less than 5 piasters is lacking, old Turkish silver and nickel coins are used. In Lebanon and in the interior Turkish piasters are also in use. Gold circulates in much larger quantities than one would expect, especially in Damascus and Aleppo.

In Palestine, Egyptian money is accepted everywhere and is made use of effectively. In Cilicia almost nothing but Turkish paper is employed.

Morocco as a state is no longer issuing money. A "dahir" issued by the Sultan demonetizes all hassani money in the zone corresponding to the French protectorate. The Moroccan coins, notes, silver and copper coins have been changed into notes of the Bank of France and of the Bank of Algeria. This demonetization has been complete and the Moroccan money has been replaced by the "franc" unit. In the Spanish zone the hassani continues to circulate as before, as the Sultan's decree imposed its demonetization only in the French zone.

The florin is the new standard coin of the Kenya Colony and Uganda Protectorate, and has replaced the Indian rupee. This new coin is of a fineness of 500. The florin and new 50 and 25 cent pieces are new coins minted on behalf of the East African Currency Board, London.

INITIALS, MOTTOS AND STARS.

The custom of placing the signature of the engraver upon a coin die dates from remote antiquity. Many Greek coins, especially the splendid creations produced by the cities of Sicily and Magna Groecia, are signed with the initials of the artist, and in some cases with his full name. The same practice has prevailed generally in European countries. On the coins of the United States but few signatures occur. There were none until the double-eagle appeared in 1849, when the signature of Mr. Longacre, J. B. L., was placed on the truncation of the bust. The same signature is of course found on the three-dollar gold piece of 1854, where the same bust of Liberty is used as on the double-eagle. Mr. Longacre also signed the die of the Indian head cent of 1859, placing an L most unobtrusively on the ribbon that hangs from the back part of the band of the feather bonnet down over the hair.

Before the signed dies of Mr. Longacre appeared Mr. Gobrecht had signed the dies of his silver dollar in 1836, placing his full name, C. GOBRECHT, in the exergue at first, then on the base of the figure of Liberty. But only patterns with the signed dies were made, and the name of the artist was unfortunately erased when the design was accepted for the coin.

The silver dollar of 1878 bears the signature of the engraver, Mr. G. T. Morgan, on both dies, an M on the truncation of the bust and also on the ribbon that unites the branches of the wreath on the reverse. In like manner, the signature of Mr. C. E. Barber occurs as a letter B on the truncation of the bust of Liberty on the half-dollar, quarter and dime of 1892. Of the recent gold coin, Mr. Saint Gaudens placed his signature, A. S. G. in monogram, beneath the date on the double-eagle, but left the eagle die unsigned; while the half-eagle die bears the initials, B. L. P. of the artist, Bela L. Pratt, prominently beneath the bust of the Indian.

The one-cent piece of 1909, with the bust of Lincoln, originally bore the signature of the artist, V. D. B., Victor D. Brenner, on the reverse, but after an issue of nearly thirty million pieces the initials were removed.

Other new issues have bore similar initials, the latest being the Peace dollar of 1921 with the initials A. F. of the designer, Anthony Francisci.

The motto E Pluribus Unum was first used on the coins in 1795, when the reverse type of the half-eagle presented the main features of the Great Seal, on the scroll of which the motto belongs. Previously the motto had been used on state and private issues. The same devise was a few years later extended to the other denominations in gold and silver, so that the motto was soon found on all the coins in the precious metals, and of course in its proper position on the scroll held in the beak of the eagle. But when a new type of eagle was introduced on the half-dollar and half-eagle in 1807, a scroll bearing the motto was placed in the field above the eagle as a purely decorative feature, for its presence was not required on the coins by law, nor was it an essential part of the new device as it had been of the preceding one. And in 1834 the scroll and motto was removed from the gold coins then issued, the half-eagle and quarter-eagle, and did not appear on those denominations until 1908, when it was restored on the new issue. But the motto was placed on the double-eagle when first issued in 1849, on the scroll held by the eagle, and has always been retained thereon. This motto was also omitted from the silver with the obverse type of Liberty seated—that is, from 1840 to 1873, in the case of the dollar, and from 1836, when it was removed

from the older type, until 1892, for the half-dollar. In 1878 the motto was placed on the dollar again, but with even less regard for its original relation and significance than shown by Mr. Reich in 1807, for on the dollar of 1878 it was removed from the reverse and from the eagle, the emblem of the united power and authority of the States, and placed as a principal on the obverse. On the gold coins of recent issue this motto is placed again on the reverse as a secondary legend in the field, except on the double-eagle, where together with the thirteenn stars it adorns and protects the edge.

The religious motto, In God We Trust, first appeared on the coins of the country in 1864, and owes its presence there largely to the increased religious sentiment in the dreaded crisis of the Civil War. Hon. S. P. Chase, then secretary of the treasury, received a number of appeals from devout persons throughout the country suggesting and urging that the Deity be recognized suitably on our coins in a manner similar to that commonly found on the coins of other nations. Accordingly, on November 30, 1861, Secretary Chase addressed a letter to the director of the mint at Philadelphia, and with the statement of his reason that "no nation can be strong except in the strength of God, or safe except in His defence. The trust of our people in God should be declared on our national coins," ordered "You will cause a device to be prepared without unnecessary delay with a motto expressing in the fewest words possible this national recognition." Several forms of motto expressing the intention were suggested. Patterns for the half-dollar and half-eagle prepared in 1862 have "God Our Trust," and a pattern for a bronze two-cent piece made in 1863 has the bust of Washington on the obverse and the legend "God and Our Country;" but the familiar form of the motto was finally decided upon, and it first appeared on a new two-cent piece in 1864. In the following year patterns of the double-eagle, eagle, and half-eagle, and of the silver dollar, half-dollar, and quarter-dollar, with the motto were prepared, and in 1866 those denominations were issued bearing the motto. Of the smaller coins this motto has been placed on only the bronze two-cent piece, as already stated, on the nickel five-cent piece from 1868 to 1883, and on the Lincoln cent.

When the double-eagle an eagle of new design appeared in 1907, it was soon discovered that the religious motto had been omitted from them; and in response to a general demand Congress ordered it restored, which was done in 1908, and the popular will was also respected in this regard when the new half-eagle was brought out in the following year.

The use of stars as symbols of the States began in the first years of the national coinage. Until 1892 the six-pointed form of the star was employed; but on the reverse of the half-dollar and quarter of that year the five-pointed character was introduced, while the traditional six-point star was retained on the obverse. This change was probably due to the presence of a five-point star on the Great Seal, an adaption of which forms the reverse type of these coins. Mr. Pratt went an ill-advised step further and placed five-pointed stars on the obverse of the half-eagle and quarter-eagle of 1908, a disregard of a well-established tradition which Mr. Saint Gaudens respected in his designs for the double-eagle and eagle of 1907, on the obverses and ^{and} which the stars are in all cases of the six-point variety.

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HALF TON OF RELICS COLLECTED BY MARION, OHIO, MAN.

Marion, O.—About one-half ton of rare specimens, including perfectly formed arrow heads, hammers, plummets and quartz beads, have been added this spring to a large collection of these trophies owned by F. A. Stengel of Marion, optometrist and collector, and a life member of the Ohio Archeological Association. They were acquired in a few weeks at Flint Ridge, between Newark and Zanesville, by Dr. Stengel on his annual trip.

Flint Ridge is a limestone ridge, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles wide and 12 miles long, from which many eastern tribes secured their implement-making material. The flint was mined by heating and then dashing cold water on it, which resulted in the splitting of the flint so that it could easily be taken out.

Close to the quarries, on another ridge, is the workshop's remains. It covers 20 acres, and is now completely covered with a 5 feet deep layer of flint chips, resultant of the vast industry once predominant there.

On another mound nearby is the village site where the Indians lived while the workers were in the quarries. Many fine specimens of which the workshop heaps are entirely devoid, have been unearthed here. The village is admirable in its strategic location.

About seventy-five arrows, drills and scrapers were found by Dr. Stengel on his trip this spring. Another find was a crystal geode weighing 400 pounds, which is particularly notable for its fine formation and remarkable beauty. Several hammers, weighing eight pounds, one of which measures $4\frac{1}{2} \times 9$ inches, were also picked up. Then there was a rose quartz plummet, very clear and perfectly shaped, and a beautiful bead of the same material. This year is the eighth that Dr. Stengel has made trips to Flint Ridge.—Archeological Review.

NEW DESIGNS FOR U. S. PAPER MONEY.

Washington.—Secretary Mellon's approval of the new designs for paper money under consideration for more than a year was announced at the treasury department and new bills of distinctive type and marking soon will be in circulation. The new designs at first will affect only United States notes, silver certificates and reserve notes in denominations up to \$100, with the exception of the unpopular two dollar note, but it is hoped later to extend the new designs—amounting to almost a program of standardization—to national bank notes and ultimately to the rare gold certificates.

Working to make the job of the counterfeiter less remunerative, treasury experts chose the methods of standardizing designs, giving one denomination of all kinds of currency one distinctive design for face and back, so that those persons into whose possession the money comes may recognize instantly if alteration has been attempted. The face of the new bills will carry portraits of well-known figures in American history, mostly presidents and the best known faces have been chosen for the bills most used. The one dollar bill, for instance, will have Washington's portrait; the five, Lincoln's and the ten, Jackson's. Cleveland's likeness will appear on the twenty dollar bills while for the fifties and one hundreds, the portraits of Gen. Grant, and Benjamin Franklin respectively, have been selected.

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TO THE PHILATELIC WEST.—By C. Bagley, Seattle.

Stamp collectors are quite numerous here. One of them, William Lindsey, has been collecting for more than forty years, and, as he has most of that time been in the postal service, his opportunities for collecting have been unusually favorable.

There are several dealers whose chief business is collecting and dealing in stamps, besides several others to whom it is merely a side line.

My line is the collecting of the small paper moneys of all countries that I can secure. I began this during our great Civil War by putting away any clean specimen of our fractional currency that came to me in the line of business, and in good time had most of the several series.

Lately I have widened my activities and now have specimens from more than fifty countries and more than one thousand in number. Recently I sent to Berlin and Vienna for several thousand more.

Somewhere, not long ago, I saw the statement that in Germany there have been issued more than 18,000 different denominations and varieties of "War Money."

To me the most interesting of all these paper moneys is the Colonial Currency that mostly antedated our Revolutionary War.

The first issue was made by Massachusetts in 1708 and she continued almost every year until 1785.

New York began in 1709 and continued until 1786. During this period she put out twenty-two different issues. She also made four issues of New York Water Bonds. Also in 1790 the "Corporation of City of New York" issued a big lot of 3d notes. As nearly all of these different notes were never redeemed, the City and State of New York became more conspicuous for its financial bad faith than others as they did not even pay for the construction of its early water works.

Rhode Island began in 1715; then in their order followed South Carolina, Delaware, Connecticut, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Georgia and Virginia. Nearly all of these colonies continued to emit their own currency until after the close of the Revolution. Most of it that was issued after 1755 seems to have been repudiated as dates as early as that are now quite plentiful.

Vermont was not one of the original thirteen, but beginning in 1781 she put out ten varieties of notes. She kept her financial skirts clean as she promptly redeemed all her notes that were presented and existing specimens are rare.

Almost immediately after the organization of the Continental Congress it began to issue Continental Currency as distinguished from Colonial.

From May 10, 1775, to May 9, 1776, there were four issues of the following denominations: 1-6, 1-3, 1-2, 2-3, one dollar regularly up to eight, then 20 and 30 dollars.

From July 22, 1776, to May 20, 1777, there were four issues of denominations: From two to eight dollars, then 30 dollars.

April 11, 1778, had from four to eight dollars, then 20, 30 and 40 dollars.

September 26, 1778, from five to eight dollars and 20, 30, 40, 50 and 60 dollars.

January 14, 1779, was the most extensive. It was from one to five dollars, then 20, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70 and 80 dollars.

I have all the denominations issued by the Continental Congress but not of the several issues. Also I have specimens from all of the Colonies.

Taking account of all the issues made by the Colonies and Continental Congress the aggregate of different issues and denominations was more than 1,700, of which Pennsylvania issued 203 and Massachusetts 140.

Few if any of them were redeemed after the beginning of the Revolution.

I have one printed by Franklin and Hall in 1764, for 3d that I prize more than those for eighty dollars.

As early as 1729 Benjamin Franklin published a paper on "The Nature and Necessity of a Paper Currency," and he and his partners later were given favorable contracts for the printing of Pennsylvania notes, and then practically all of the Continental Currency, which helped to lay the foundation for the large fortune he had accumulated in his later years. Most of their imprints are Hall & Sellers.

None of the Continentals exceeds three inches in width and four inches in length. The paper is as rough as a good quality of blotting paper but is today in as good condition as when it came off the press more than one hundred and fifty years ago.

The late great war is not alone in its evil influences because of unlimited issues of paper money.

Little of the war money of our own revolutionary period was redeemed; the French Assignats of their revolution about 1790 suffered the same fate, and the vast sums put afloat by the "Confederate States of America," much of it in England, had the same experience.

Until recently I did not know that we have one of the largest dealers in the United States in coins, medals, tokens, paper moneys, curios, etc.—Edward Flieder by name.

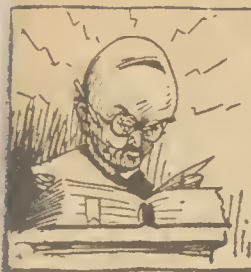
A few evenings ago I had the pleasure of examining many of the rarest items in his collection including the gold "slugs" of early California days.

My parents took me to Oregon in 1852, where we lived until 1860, then came to Seattle. During those years money was plentiful but mostly of foreign or private coinage. Among the latter were \$50 slugs and "Beaver Money," struck off by men I saw almost every day.

In those days most of the farmers in the Willamette Valley were from the South, and with true southern hospitality they rarely turned away the traveler who might not reach the scattered villages at night without hardship. The wayfarer would receive food for himself and his stock but usually would use his own blankets and bed down in the barns.

In 1858 there was a great rush from California and Southern Oregon for the gold fields of British Columbia. Some of the unscrupulous travelers carried these fifty dollar slugs in order to work off an old trick upon their host. In the morning when the bill was presented he would offer a slug and declare it was all the money he had. Few farmers had money enough to "break" the big piece and had to allow the trickster to escape payment of the bill. However, once in awhile, some well-to-do farmer had a big sack of silver and the carrier of the slug received four or five pounds of silver of perhaps twenty different nationalities in change.

Mr. Flieder also has one of the rarest of American coins, the 1804 silver dollar. It is a remarkably fine piece. Not long ago a New York millionaire is said to have paid \$3600 for one of this issue.—C. B. Bagley.



INQUIRIES

It is to your benefit as well as our, as when not sent thus oftentimes your answer does not reach me in time to be answered in the next issue and is consequently held over a whole month. All questions relative to coins and paper money, curios, minerals, etc., should be sent to the editors of these departments. Owing to the large number of inquiries received it is impossible to get them all into print at once. Each must take its turn. For this reason should you desire a reply at once, we ask that you enclose a stamp and we will reply direct.

Jas. H. Dewire, Long Beach, Calif.:—Could you tell me where I can get a book giving list of all U. S. coins minted and the number of each denomination struck? I have seen such a book mentioned, but do not remember the title, and understand that the publication of same has been discontinued. Any information will be greatly appreciated.

Ans.:—Such a book is published annually by the Treasury Department in the form of a mint report. A copy will be sent you upon application. Write the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

M. S.

Everett E. Mobton, Akron, O.:—Is there a premium on 50 cent pieces, dated 1858, mint mark O, in good condition?

Ans.:—No, unless the coin is in uncirculated condition it is worth only face value.

M. S.

J. F. Wacek, Humboldt, Nebr.:—The Hayes half dollar will not be issued as the money it was intended to raise by issuing this commemorative coin, was provided otherwise.

M. S.

O. E. Means, Saybrook, Ill.:—Where can I obtain information as to the number of coins minted each year at each mint of each denomination of the U. S.?

If a book containing such information is published by the government, which department should I apply to?

Ans.:—The annual mint report contains all such information and much more. It is issued for each fiscal year and is ready for distribution the following January. Write the Director of the Mint, Treasury Department, Washington, D. C.

M. S.

Henry W. Graichen, Amana, Iowa:—All German paper money has its greatest value as curios. With the present quotation of about 125,000 mark for \$1.00 it is easy to figure out the face value of this "money" is next to nothing. It stands to reason that Germany some day before long will repudiate all its circulating paper—probably following the way of Russia, who a couple of years ago repudiated its currency at the rate of 10,000 rubles to 1 of a new issue.

M. S.

Q.—Please tell me where I can get one of President Harding's medallions.

D. L. T.

A.—The Harding medallions may be purchased from the Philadelphia mint, Philadelphia, Pa.

THE COLLECTORS' WORLD

SHORT PARAGRAPHS.—By M. Sorensen.

Many historians are of the opinion that Thomas Jefferson was the most useful American that ever lived. That he was one of the most useful, all will agree. Here is a partial list of some of his inventions and special services, which will be of interest to collectors. Many of his improvements have extended into this time, and some will serve at all times:

He conducted the purchase from France of the Mississippi Valley, since known as the Louisiana Purchase, and the most gigantic real estate deal of all times.

Financed the exploration and the original settlement of the far west, including the Lewis and Clark expedition, and that of Lieut. Pike, from which Pike's Peak is named.

Founder of our system of fast mails by continuing the mails at night, thereby increasing the speed of the mails from 50 to 100 miles per days.

Established the first mint in the United States at Philadelphia, our coins previously having been struck off in Europe.

Inventor of our present decimal money system.

Other historians claim that Alexander Hamilton, the first Secretary of State, was responsible for the United States system of coinage. He advocated the founding of a U. S. mint, the dollar rather than the pound sterling as the unit of measure, and gold, silver and copper as the metals to be used. This was in 1791 and the system, with few modifications is used today.

The appearance of our new silver dollar may lend interest to some of the changes in designs of our silver dollars since the first were coined in 1794. The first silver dollars may be thus described: Obverse—Fifteen stars around the edge, eight before and seven after the word "Liberty." Bust of Liberty facing right with loose hair hanging on her neck. Date below. Reverse—"United States of America" around. Eagle standing on a rock and within an olive wreath. Around the edge "One Hundred Cents, One Dollar or Unit." On some coined in 1795 there were three leaves under the left wing of the eagle. On other dollars coined in 1795 Liberty is a draped bust with two side locks of hair tied back with a ribbon. The eagle is standing on a cloud and holding olive and palm branches. On coinage up to 1798 the number of stars varied, finally going back to thirteen to represent the thirteen original states.

On a dollar first coined in 1798 the eagle has the shield of the United States on its breast, thirteen arrows in its right claw and an olive branch in its left. In its beak a scroll bearing the words "E Pluribus Unum." Thirteen stars are grouped about the eagle's head under an arch of clouds. Coinage of dollars was discontinued in 1804 and some variations in the edging of the few coins made just prior to that time makes them much sought by collectors because of their rarity.

On the design of 1840 Liberty is found wearing a Greek chiton with neck and arms bare, and seated on a rock facing to the right but her head turned to the left, in her left hand a pole surmounted by a liberty cap; her right hand supporting the shield of the United States which rests upon the ground by her side. Across the shield is a scroll inscribed "Liberty." Date below. The eagle on the reverse has the arrows in its left claw and the olive branch in its right, a change made to conform to the position of the arrows on the seal of the United States and in response to the demand that preference for

peace, not war, should be indicated. The value of the coin is indicated by the abbreviation, "ONE DOL." The motto "In God We Trust" was first placed on the dollar of 1866.

A watchmaker, Henry Voight, assistant to John Fitch in the manufacture of machinery for the first steamboat, was the first chief coiner of the United States.

The first United States mint was established in Philadelphia by an act of Congress April 2, 1792. Washington selected David Rittenhouse, the astronomer, as the first director.

Three coinage presses were put into operation October 1. They were brought from England. The building in which the mint was located was the first piece of property owned by the United States. It was a plain building of brick, three stories high. In the rear in an old wooden building was the coinage department. Up to 1816 the work was done by hand or horse power.

Washing bank notes to make them presentable again is a United States economy that saves hundreds of thousands of dollars every year.

The bills are soaked, scrubbed, rinsed in cold water and finally dried and ironed. The whole apparatus is mechanical. The machine consists of different sets of rollers, each set performing a selected part of the cleansing.

First the bills are placed on endless bands which pass in and out of a series of heavy copper rollers. The first set of rollers revolve in a special kind of soap. This, with the rotation of the rollers, scrubs the paper clean.

The dirt removed, they pass to other rollers, revolving in clean water, and are thoroughly rinsed. From these they pass on to the last set of rollers, which are heated. When they emerge they are not only dry but ironed smooth, and look as fresh and feel as crisp as when they were issued.

Since Columbus landed in America, according to statistics assembled by the Director of the Mint, the world production of gold through to 1919 amounted to more than three-quarter of a billion troy ounces. The estimated amount is the equivalent of 29,448.32 tons of the precious metal, occupying 49,100.85 cubic feet, and worth more than \$7,750,000,000.

It is not at all improbable that some of the gold now pouring in on the shores of the United States first left this hemisphere in Spanish galleons after it was torn from the temples of the Incas by the Spanish conquistadores. Other parts may have rested in the treasuries of the Great Moguls; while beside it is gold fresh from the mines of Australia, the Klondike, or the Rand. There is sentiment and romance attached to the yellow metal.

SOME MYSTERIOUS ANTIQUES.

Bob Barker, Horton, Kas., has some antiques which, while they have been in his family for generations, are mysteries no one has been able to fathom. The most interesting is an odd shaped casket-like box, which may at some time have contained the jewels of royalty. It is made of brass and copper, and was hammered out in one piece by hand. The box is five and one-half inches long, and two and one-quarter inches wide in the middle, tapering on both sides down to one inch at the ends. The lid is hinged much like a vanity case or a metal soap box. On one side is the figure of a man with long curling hair, probably a king, and on the other

is the figure of a woman, quite comely but equally old-fashioned in appearance. The figures are very distinct and are of copper delicately hammered into the brass. Below each figure is an ancient coat of arms, a different one for each figure. Still lower is the most curious and puzzling feature of the whole box. It is a peculiar script which has defied the efforts of some of Horton's best linguists to translate, or even to identify the language. It somewhat resembles old English and also Greek and German. The inscription is different on each side. One side bears what seemingly is the date 1722, the other the date 1709. The name "Anna Van Brunswick" can be made out under the figure of the woman. Mr. Barker says there have been some Van Brunswicks in his family. Around the edges of the box is a fancy design neatly hammered into the brass.

Another curio is a silver spoon also hammered out in one piece. It resembles a present day spoon except for its peculiar decorations. On the back of the handle it has several coats of arms and what seemingly is the head of a person. Another antique is a heavy silver watch and massive silver chain. The watch also has the unknown writing on the case, but its oddest feature is a chain main spring the links of the chain being scarcely one-sixteenth of an inch in length. Mr. Barker is thinking of sending the antiques to the state university to have them identified and the inscriptions translated.

COIN NOTES.—Sent by Frank D. Guggenheim.
Finds Old Shilling in Truck Garden.

Wethersfield.—A Pine Tree shilling, 271 years old, was found recently in a garden here. A. W. Warner was cultivating his garden several weeks ago, when the cultivator turned the coin up on top of the soil. He picked it up, and later on cleaned it off, finding it to be one of the first coins made in this country. The piece is somewhat misshapen, but the inscriptions on it are still clearly outlined. On one side, around the edge, is inscribed "New England An. Do." and in the middle, "1652 XII." On the other side there is the stamp of a pine tree, around which is inscribed "In Masathusets."

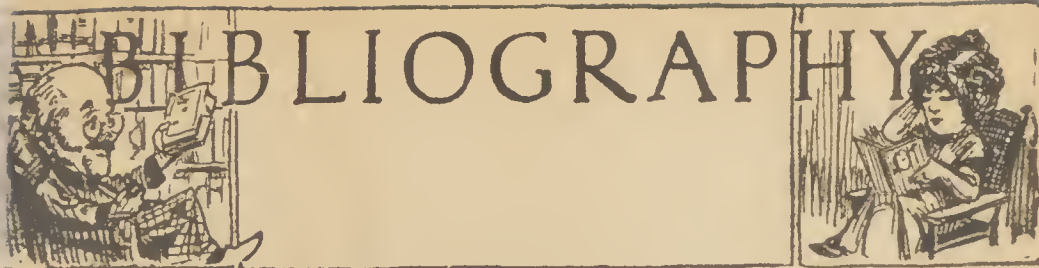
Pine Tree shillings were the first money coined in this country. Captain John Hall, "of the New England colonies," was the famous coiner. It is said that he received one in every twenty coined, as compensation. And according to the story, when his daughter was married, he gave to her as a dowry, as many Pine Tree shillings as she could balance on a scales.

Although there is the possibility that the coin found in Wethersfield may have been lost there later than the seventeenth century, the people of Wethersfield seem to think that it has been in the ground since colonial times.

The redemption division of the treasury department, says that if a person has three-fifths of a bill it can be redeemed for full value. If he has less than three-fifths, but more than two-fifths, it will be redeemed for one-half value. It should be sent to the secretary of the treasury, attention of redemption division, Washington, D. C.

Stop blaming conditions.—Earnest thoughtful reading of the "WEST" in youth will mean many years of comfort and profitable recreation in later years.—Sparks.

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A poem written by Thomas Jefferson in 1774 brought \$42.50 at a recent sale.

A set of the first edition of "Scott's Waverly Novels" in 74 vols. 1814-32 was recently priced at \$3,750.00.

The two books for first purchase in any home library are the following, "Care and Feeding of Children" by Holt and "Boston Cooking School Cook Book" by Farmer. These two were recommended by President Coolidge.

Recently I picked from a junk dealers wagon a copy of Dawson's and Skiff's Ute War. Published in Denver in 1879. The last copy sold in 1920 in New York City for \$280.00.

A copy of "Fan" an early novel by Hudson brought \$350.00 at a recent sale.

It has been estimated that \$350,000,000 had been spent by American people in Europe in the last thirteen years for art and library rarities.

In making comparison of the price brought by the Carysfort copy of the Gutenberg Bible, \$43,500 with that sold in the Hoe sale in 1911, It should be remembered that there were two copies, one on vellum which brought \$50,000. Another sold for \$27,000. If this fact is borne in mind, the Carysfort copy shows a substantial increase over any previous record.

Coin collectors resemble the animal kingdom: Great strong elephants fill their trunks with two and five eagle gold pieces. Roaring lions collect big silver dollars and slam them down on your show case and splinter the glass. The old horse collects cents that work harder and stand more abuse than any other money. The dog the growler nickel necessary to rush the can. The fox the \$3 gold to pass on the unsuspecting as a \$5 gold piece. The eel the \$5 gold piece that slipped through his fingers as a nickel. The robber wolf that collects your \$2.50 gold piece and fails to return a stick of gum. The eagle who spreads his wings over the gold that ordinary mortals never see.—Sparks.

Opportunity to get something, to do something, to be somebody, occurs several hundred times in this issue of the West. Read the advertisements. Start poor, become a rich collector.—Sparks.

COIN NOTES.—Sent by J. L. Montgomery.

Do you know that there is a common superstition that a two-dollar bill is "unlucky?" Gamblers do not like to take one or to include one in a bet, and a good many persons who find them in their possession mutilate them, in the belief that they can in that way dispel the evil influence that the bills exert—a strange fancy, the origin of which we cannot learn. This is by way of introducing the report that the Treasury officials are talking of doing away with the two-dollar bill; not because of the superstitions connected with it but because they think it an unnecessary piece of money. The two-dollar bill may follow the two-cent piece into oblivion and for the same reason.

The war department has discovered a new surplus property account, which it is having trouble clearing up in its post war activities. It has on hand 2,119,000 victory medals for which no claimants have appeared. The medals were authorized by congress to be issued to every man who participated as an American soldier in the great war. Up to date 1,223,000 of these decorations have been given out and the war department officials are wondering how many years it will take to clear the victory medal account if it took nearly five years to dispose of about one-third of the decorations.

Gives \$10,000 (in Russian money) to Every Corona Prospect.

Just to show how little regard for money they have down in Vicksburg, Miss., Corona agent Levy, is giving away a young fortune with some of his sales letters to prospects. You will have to admit it gets their attention.

This puzzle is so easy that we are almost inclined to apologize for printing it: The man had in his pocket six coins the total value of which was \$1.15. He could not change a dollar, a fifty-cent piece, a quarter, a dime or a nickel. What coins did he have?

How Portland Was Named.

About 1840 F. W. Pettygrove migrated from Portland, Me., to Oregon, where he was soon in partnership in a grocery store with A. D. Lovejoy, from Boston. Their village grew, and, wishing to name it, they tossed a coin with the idea that the winner name it after his home city. Portland won. The coin is now in the possession of Pettygrove's heirs in San Francisco, and representatives of Portland, Ore., are endeavoring to obtain it for their city.

The Mark Comedy.

It is sometimes difficult to decide whether Germany's experience with her paper money circulation is tragedy or comedy. Probably there is a good deal of both. The comedy side is coming to light in the trouble of the German government in the matter of tax collection.

Affairs seemed to be running as smoothly as a mid-summer night's dream while the government was paying all its bills with money turned out on a printing press. Quite a few of our own bootstrap economists have frequently advocated this policy in the United States. But when a government pays its bills with printing-press money, it must, of course, accept the same kind of money for taxes.

The German people have been paying their income, property and all other taxes to their government in paper marks, but by the time the taxes are paid the marks have depreciated so greatly in purchasing power that the government can not pay its bills. Of course, the tax rates can be increased, but apparently they can not be increased rapidly enough to catch

the falling value of the mark, and so the German government is steadily piling up a floating debt.

It seems probable that the farce is about run out. Anything that can be bought 400,000 for a dollar, or 4,000 for a cent, the present price of the German mark, is so nearly worthless that its further use as "money" is simply absurd.

The bureau of engraving and printing says that the cost of producing national bank notes is \$.0155 a note, and for United States notes and certificates \$.009.

ANNIVERSARIES.

October 12th marks the discovery of America by Columbus. It has occurred to us that to start new collectors it might be a good idea on different anniversaries such as this, to make a gift of a few stamps or coins to those who think they may be interested in starting a collection.

We have Clean-up Weeks, Fire Prevention Weeks, and Safety Weeks, etc. Why not a Coin and Stamp Collector's Week? If the dealers could get together and form an association to work harmoniously in the interest of collectors throughout the country a great many benefits would be derived by all concerned. As suggested above, a week could be set aside each year to be known as "Collector's Week," during which time certain inducements could be offered to collectors and information could be broadcasted throughout the country by all the dealers. If the dealers are interested in this plan, and will communicate with us perhaps something can be done to start this association.

"Condition."

We seldom mention how rare or fine a coin is that we offer. There are many reasons why we do not. For example we are going to mention a few. Take the 1802 Half Dimes, only fifteen or sixteen of these are known, or an 1815 \$5.00 Gold Piece about five of which are known—a collector knows how rare they are without us furnishing a history of same. We might mention we have both of the coins in stock. Again what one collector or dealer may call very fine, another may call fine or extremely fine. We shall in most cases omit the condition and if when you receive the coin it does not meet with your approval or is not satisfactory in every way, it is your privilege to return it, and your money will be cheerfully refunded. We consider no transaction complete until YOU are entirely satisfied.

"A Tonic."

In your work—if you are a mechanic, a merchant, a banker, in fact no matter what your occupation—you need a change. This is also true when one is collecting coins, although this may be your hobby. After working steadily for about six months on your main collection, if you change to some other series for a while you will find you have a splendid tonic that is both instructive and beneficial to you. The contrast will prove very interesting.—Guttag Bros. Coin Circular.

Anent the item in the February issue of WEST about Alfred Benner's collection of four-leaf clovers, it is a wonder some enterprising and novelty loving collector has not made a collection of all kinds of lucky charms and emblems, such as four-leaf clovers, horseshoes, rabbit feet, swastikas, etc. Perhaps there may be such a collection. Do you know of one? If so let the WEST hear about it.



CURIO DEPARTMENT

TO PLACE ARCHIVES OF U. S. IN SHRINE

Washington.—Within the library of Congress is now being constructed a shrine which will be a safe and permanent repository for the original copies of the Declaration of Independence, the Constitution of the United States and other unreplaceable archives of this country.

Here all who come to the capital may patriotically worship. The location decided upon was the second floor of what is the gallery surrounding the main hallway on the cross axis of the building.

To give added dignity to the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, other precious fundamental documents already in the library will be placed in cases on either side. The whole section of the Library of Congress will, from the point of view of sentiment, represent the constitutional origin of the United States.

These include the Articles of Confederation, the oath of secrecy taken by the members of the Continental Congress and others of that character. These documents would all form part of one group, which would constitute in itself a most important political and literary setting.

Herbert Putnam, librarian of Congress, explained how it is proposed to protect these archives from deterioration by natural light. The window just behind them would be closed, he said.

HAS CLOCK CENTURY OLD, GONG LIKE DOORBELL.

Delaware, O.—A. C. Cryder of this city is the owner of a clock which has an unusual history. It now is in the possession of his brother, J. B. Cryder, Madison county, and is more than a century old.

The clock was brought to this country, according to Cryder, by his great grandfather, who brought it with him when he immigrated from Germany.

The aged timepiece has brass works, is in good running order and keeps the date of the month. There is a device on it, which is worked by a cord, which will repeat the last hour struck. The bell is a large half oval of iron and rings like a doorbell. Pin hinges are in the door in the face of the clock.

SHAFT TO MARK SITE OF NOTED OLD CHURCH.

Bennington, Vt.—Ground has been broken here for a monument to mark the site of the first meeting house in the Hampshire Grants, now the state of Vermont, which was intimately associated with the battles of Ticonderoga and Bennington in the Revolutionary War.

The monument is the gift of Mrs. Elinor Squier of New York to the Bennington Battle Monument and Historical Society.

THE FIRST PINS.

The first solid headed pin was devised in 1807 by Timothy Harris of England. In 1824 Lemuel W. Wright, an American, invented a machine which

automatically put solid heads on the pins by driving a portion of the pin itself into a countersunk hole. The first brass wire pins were made in England in 1826. In 1831, John L. Howe, a New York physician, invented a machine for making perfect solid headed pins, and a factory was started at Derby, Conn. The first pin sticking machine (which put the pins in packages) was invented by Samuel Slocum of Connecticut, and was put to use in 1841. The modern automatic pin machine completes the pin in all details except the coloring and polishing.

OLD BOOKS, ETC.

Kentucky Woman Has Bible of 1589—Quaint Old Volume, Contemporaneous With Armada, Is Printed in German.

Louisville.—Contemporary with the reign of Akbar and the days of the Spanish Armada, a Bible printed in 1589 and handed down for generations in the family of Mrs. Raymond Daumont of Louisville, still is intact, although the proud Spanish galleons long since have settle to the bottom of the sea and the Son of Heaven was gathered to his fathers 300 years ago.

Printed in Zurich only a little more than a century after Guttenburg discovered the art of printing, the Bible is almost undamaged except for the loss of the binding and a few of the fly leaves. It is printed in German, which, after three centuries is almost as unintelligible as an unknown tongue, and is scattered through with painstaking hand-drawn illuminations.

One illustration, fantastic with symbols and elaborate with mountains and castled shores, depicts Ezekiel in the midst of a vision. The Lord God, who sits upon a throne swept about with fire and rain, up-borne by four pillars resting on wheels, gazes down upon the bowed head of the prophet while the sun and "a strong wind" hid him from the sight of the multitude.

Solomon's temple is charted, showing the location of the shewbread and the ark of the covenant, and the title pages of the different books are covered with intricate designs.

Mrs. Daumont plans to send it to a museum for preservation and the study of book lovers.

"Old Curiosity Shop" Sold.

London.—The "Old Curiosity Shop" in Lincoln's Inn-fields familiar to all lovers of Dickens, has been sold for \$11,250. The purchaser, J. A. Phillips, said he bought the shop to preserve it as a curiosity.

Has Glasses Worn By Nine Presidents.

Eyeglasses worn by nine presidents of the United States are owned by Dr. Fred A. Stengel of Marion, whose chief hobby is the collection of curiosities.

The oldest pair in the group is that which surmounted Thomas Jefferson's nose in 1801, when Jefferson was 58; Dr. Stengel purchased the glasses from an aged Virginian who lived near Monticello, Jefferson's home. This pair has a metal frame.

Of contemporary interest is President Harding's first pair, which Stengel himself fitted when the president was editor of the Marion Star and never dreamed of some day becoming the chief executive. Harding selected the shell frame, Oxford style, when it became necessary to reinforce his vision.

Glasses used by Theodore Roosevelt, too, who was nicknamed "Four

Eyes" when, as a beardless youth he sought to recover his health on a western ranch are in the Stengel collection.

In the collection are spectacles which belonged to Grover Cleveland, William McKinley, James A. Garfield, William H. Harrison, James K. Polk and Rutherford B. Hayes.

Aside from the glasses worn by presidents of the United States, there is a pair which Lyman Howe saw through when he signed his name to the Declaration of Independence, and also pairs made by Japanese in 1632 and by the Chinese in 1772.

Henry Ford Buys Antiques in a Columbus, O., Shop.

Columbus, O.—(By the Associated Press.)—An unassuming, pleasant man today dropped into the antique shop here owned by George S. Graber. He purchased a seven-legged quintet, some chests, chairs two pianos, other musical instruments and some cases and crooks. In fact, he spent the entire morning in the little shop, displaying a wide knowledge of antiques. When he left his name as Henry Ford of Detroit, and said he wanted his purchases shipped to an old inn he recently purchased in the east and to his winter home at Fort Myers, Fla.

SOCIETY FORMED FOR PRESERVATION OF INDIAN MOUNDS.

Moundville was the scene of a home coming celebration of west Alabama for the purpose of promoting interest in the passage of a bill making the Indian mound in the community of Moundville a state reservation to perpetuate the history of the early Indian settlement and to organize a society toward this end. Mr. Anderson carried with him and displayed a number of Indian relics taken from the mound and now at the University of Alabama. Mention was made by one of the speakers that there is in the academy of natural science at Philadelphia 9,098 specimens taken from these mounds in 1905, said to be equal to any in the United States in their completeness in Indian history. The organization of the Moundville Historical society was perfected with Mrs. Jeff Powers, president; Dr. R. F. Griffin, vice president; Dr. Lee Griffin, treasurer; Mrs. Archie Griffin, secretary. Mr. Peter Bannon and Mrs. Jeff Powers, who sponsored the meeting, perfected the organization of the society. A barbecue was served.—Sent by English.

Youth's Companion says: The conferring of a war medal by the British government upon a homing pigeon not only is a pleasant bit of sentiment but calls new attention to the services that homing pigeons have rendered to mankind, in peace as well as in war. The incident recalls the interesting fact that homing pigeons were the foundation of two great fortunes. Before the days of the telegraph Baron Rothschild used great numbers of pigeons to bring the earliest information of the stock market and exchange in London to his Paris banking house; and Paul de Reuter, the founder of the great European news agency that corresponds to the Associated Press in America, used carrier pigeons as his first messengers.

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